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From: Harrison, Melissa
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Benenati, Frank; Herckis, Arian
Subject: Milman briefing
Attachments: EPA Legacy Key Messages-1.docx; ATT00001.htm; Final Climate Talkers 11.18.16-1.docx; ATT00002.htm; Milman briefing 1.17.17.docx; ATT00003.htm

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Good afternoon,

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Thanks!
Melissa

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From: Enobakhare, Rosemary
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Are you around?

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Sorry, I'm just seeing this. I'm around this week, I can stop by tomorrow morning.

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>
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Subject: Letter
Attachments: Response to incoming letter 1.12.17 Whitehouse.docx; ATT00001.txt

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Attached is the letter we discussed. I just received it from OGC. I understand some stylistic changes are being made to make it more consistent with our letters so I have not received the final draft.

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From: Dunkin, Ann
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:58 PM
To: OEI-All
Cc: Meiburg, Stan
Subject: Thank You

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OEI Staff,

I've been thinking for over the weekend about what I can say to all of you as I depart and I concluded that there is nothing that I can say that will do you justice, so I will keep this very short.

You are, collectively, simply the finest team that I have had the privilege to lead in my career. As I said at my party (and thank you all for a wonderful event!), I walked into the EPA and in a few short months I asked you to change pretty much everything – what you do, how you work, who you work for and the structure you work within. Instead of telling me that I was crazy or ignoring me, pretty much everyone agreed to get onboard for the ride. You all made the vision happen. You made OEI a better organization and YOU gained the increased respect of your peers across the Agency and the government. Every day for the past several weeks (possibly months) people have told me what a great job I've done leading you. But there aren't any leaders without followers. And, honestly, I don't like the word followers in this context, because you didn't just follow. You all recognized where we were going and you took charge. Each of you became a leader in your own domain, which is what I hoped you would do.

So, as we move into the final week of the Administration, I want to thank all of you for joining me on this adventure and I hope that you will continue our important work because that would be the greatest honor you could give me. I'll be watching your future progress with great interest.

And, while I'll be going back to California, I'll always be available to you. I can be reached at (b) (6) or (b) (6)

Ann

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Since arriving at EPA in October of 2010, I have had nothing but amazing memories that have included each of you. All of you pushed me to be a better person, made me laugh, or even challenged me until I cried. I am a better person because of each of you. I am smarter because of each of you. I am a harder worker because of each you.

I've had the privilege of working with two amazing teams. First in the Administrator's scheduling office for Administrator Jackson and then Acting Administrator Perciasepe, to the Office of Environmental Education for Administrator McCarthy, Brian Bond and Micah Ragland. I have been so lucky to work under some of the greatest leaders and mentors of my life. Each one of them inspired me to be a better person and I will carry all they have taught me wherever I go.

To my career colleagues, I want you to know...I NEED you to know, that YOU are the brains of this operation. You are the engine of this machine. Never forget that. If anyone ever does, I have no doubts that you will remind them of this very quickly. I hoping with all my heart that you do. Each of you do not get enough credit for the job you take on. Your portfolio's are too full. You are implementers of ideas, you are the organizers for how to get from point a to b. You are amazing people. Stay amazing. Do not become hopeless. Just keep doing the work you are doing and do it with pride. You are saving lives. Always remember that.

To my LGBT colleagues, remember what we have accomplished and how far we have come. No one can take that away. There will be struggles, but that has always been in our history. Keep being strong and united. Keep being there for each other. Now more than ever. Help creating the "It Gets Better" video for EPA will go down as one of my greatest accomplishments here.

Thank you friends. Serving you, my Administrator, my President and my country here at EPA has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Please stay in touch and know I will always be here if you ever need a good laugh. ☺

With all my love,

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NYTimes A1: Pruitt Favored Industry Donors Over Regulators.

The [New York Times](#) (1/14, Lipton, Davenport) reported on its front page that after Scott Pruitt took office as Oklahoma's attorney general, he in "a series of instances...put cooperation with industry before confrontation as he sought to blunt the impact of federal environmental policies in

his state – against oil, gas, agriculture and other interests.” The Times says that Pruitt, President-elect Trump’s nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, “will have the opportunity to engineer a radical shift in Washington” and he “is expected to shelve the Obama administration’s aggressive environmental enforcement and embrace a more collaborative approach with the industries that the agency is charged with policing, many of which have helped him advance his political career.” The [New York Times](#) (1/14) reports that as Oklahoma’s attorney general, Scott Pruitt “has repeatedly sued the Environmental Protection Agency to try to block Obama administration rules intended to protect the nation’s air and water.” In all except 14 of those cases, “regulated industry players also were parties.”

Environmental Group Slams Pruitt For Accepting Industry Contributions. The [Huffington Post](#) (1/15) reported on a new investigation by the Environmental Working Group claiming that as Oklahoma’s attorney general, Scott Pruitt “accepted over \$40,000 in campaign cash from people in the poultry industry” then “looked the other way as that industry polluted.” Referring to the 2005 lawsuit accusing the poultry companies of polluting the Illinois River basin with runoff from chicken manure, Pruitt “explained his inaction on the case by saying that ‘regulation through litigation is wrong in my view.’” Although the lawsuit was taken on by the previous attorney general and concluded before Pruitt took office, “the judge never issued a ruling in the case and Pruitt never issued an appeal for the matter to be resolved.”

Environmentalists Voice Sharp Rebuke Of Pruitt. [NPR](#) (1/16, Wertz) quotes various environmentalists who are concerned that Pruitt is not serious about enforcing pollution laws. In an op-ed in [Central Maine](#), (1/14) Charlotte Lehmann, a geoscientist and clergy-person, blasts the choice of Scott Pruitt to lead the EPA, citing his ties to special interests and history of challenging the EPA in court over its landmark regulations.

Steyer Launches Campaign Ads Targeting Pruitt’s Oil Ties. [Greenwire](#) (1/16, Mulkern) reports that Tom Steyer’s political action committee NextGen Climate launched a new ad campaign seeking to depict EPA administrator-designate Scott Pruitt as “too cozy with the petroleum industry.”

Dems Gear Up To Confront Trump’s EPA Pick During Confirmation Hearing.

[The Hill](#) (1/16, Henry) reports that Democrats are expected to confront EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt, “one of Trump’s most controversial” nominees, with an “aggressive line of questioning” during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Wednesday. Democrats on the committee will focus on two narratives: “that his nomination represents a conflict of interest because of his work in Oklahoma, and that his views on climate are out of step with the majority of climate scientists.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/16, Harder, Ballhaus) reports Pruitt will be the primary target of Democrats among the Cabinet members nominated from Trump’s energy and environmental team. Pruitt has expressed a desire to repeal many of President Obama’s environmental regulations, including the Clean Power Plan. The Journal notes that both Pruitt and Energy Department Secretary nominee Perry have received donations from the oil and gas industry. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/16, Mann) also reports that some in the energy industry are optimistic about the appointments of Perry and Pruitt, viewing it as a sign that more fossil fuel exploration will take place on federal land. However, Dr. Michael Mann, professor of atmospheric science at Penn State University, expressed his concerns about Perry and Pruitt to [NPR](#) (1/16, Cusick) saying Perry is “on record dismissing even the fact that the globe is warming. There’s an overwhelming consensus among the world’s scientists that human actions—the burning of fossil fuels—is responsible.”

The [Oklahoman](#) (1/16) reported that Democrats released a letter earlier this week expressing concerns about his involvement in organizations that have received contributions from corporations regulated by the EPA. "Public reporting based on documents produced by Freedom of Information Act requests illustrate how Mr. Pruitt and members of his staff have worked closely with fossil fuel lobbyists to craft his office's official positions," the letter claims.

Senate Democrats Acknowledge Difficulty In Blocking Pruitt Confirmation.

[Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/13, Leven) reported that changes to Senate rules make it highly unlikely that Democrats will be able to block EPA administrator-designee Scott Pruitt's nomination after his confirmation hearing. "The ability of the minority to slow down the process is much diminished because of those changes," said Sen. Tom Carper, concluding, "that's a reality we need to live with."

[E&E Publishing](#) (1/16) reports that Sen. Carper initially wanted to have outside witnesses testify at the hearing, "but after being rebuffed by Republicans, he will likely go it alone and hold a separate session on Pruitt."

Pruitt Opposed EPA Cleanup Of Chesapeake Bay.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/16, Fears) reports that EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt, currently Oklahoma attorney general, was one of 21 state AGS who signed an amicus brief opposing the EPA's cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay. The brief "supported a federal lawsuit filed by the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau that claimed the EPA usurped the power of states in the watershed to regulate pollution that flows into the bay from cities and farms."

Kansas, Missouri Oil And Gas Interests Expect Promising 2017 Under Trump Administration.

The [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (1/13, Montgomery) reported that energy companies operating in Kansas and Missouri had a dismal 2016, but are beginning to see a "promising horizon" in anticipation of Donald Trump's administration. Those in the energy business see three of Trump's nominees, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, and former Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson, as strong potential allies for the oil and gas industry.

NAM Launches Seven-Figure Ad Campaign Supporting Pruitt Nomination.

[Politico Pro](#) (1/16, Guillen) reports the National Association of Manufacturers has launched "a seven-figure ad campaign to pressure Democrats and Republicans to support Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt's nomination to head EPA." The campaign touts Pruitt's energy credentials, "promises Pruitt will 'bring transparency back to Washington,'" and promises he will roll back "job-killing federal regulations." The ads will run "starting this weekend."

Nevada AG Urges Congress To Confirm Pruitt As EPA Chief.

In an op-ed in the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), (1/17, Laxalt) Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt praises the selection of Scott Pruitt to lead the EPA, stating that he is "uniquely qualified to lead the agency and restore it to its original, lawful mission." Laxalt says that Pruitt "understands that a one-size-fits-all approach to regulation is not suitable when imposing environmental rules on the states," and that he will work to address regulatory overreach.

Michigan AG Schuette Says Pruitt Is "Highly Qualified" To Lead EPA. Writing in the [Detroit News](#), (1/15) Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette describes Pruitt as "a highly qualified

leader who is committed to restoring the proper balance between the power of the states and federal government to protect our environment.”

Additional Reading.

- ***Hugh Hewitt Points Out ‘Amazing’ Dem Hypocrisy In Opposing Trump’s EPA Pick.*** [Daily Caller](#). (1/13, Bastasch)

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Colorado Springs Facing More Pressure Over Sulfur Dioxide From Coal Plant.

The [Denver Post](#) (1/15, Finley) reports Colorado Springs is facing “intensifying friction over foul air from an 80-year-old, coal-fired municipal power plant that pumps out sulfur dioxide.” As a result of Obama Administration regulations, the city is one “of at least 13 areas the EPA still lists as ‘unclassifiable’ on meeting the 75 parts per billion SO₂ limit.” While officials said “that air monitoring and modeling in Colorado Springs soon will begin to measure SO₂ pollution,” some residents and activists have been opposed to the plant’s output for years.

Editorial: EPA Must Adhere To Limits To Power.

The [Wheeling \(WV\) Intelligencer](#) (1/16) editorializes on the limits of the EPA, stating that the agency must “explain the justification for its mandates, as well as their impact on Americans.” The editorial approves of US District Court Judge John Preston Bailey’s ruling that the EPA must expediently “identify specific impacts of its Clean Air Act mandates on the coal industry.”

BROWNFIELDS/SUPERFUND/OTHER CLEANUPS

EPA Barred From Repaying \$1.2B In Gold King Mine Damage Claims.

[The Hill](#) (1/13, Henry) reported that after consulting the with Justice Department on the issue of damage claims, the EPA said it isn’t allowed to repay nearly \$1.2 billion in claims filed against it following the Gold King Mine spill. According to the agency, “The circumstances surrounding the Gold King Mine incident unfortunately do not meet the conditions necessary to pay claims.” Individuals and businesses who have filed claims will be able to appeal the decision in federal court.

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Wegrzyn) reported that the EPA claims the Federal Tort Claims Act bars the agency from paying claims resulting from “discretionary” government spending. The law was initially passed “to allow government agencies — and in this case, contractors working on their behalf — to act ‘without the fear of paying damages in the event something went wrong while taking the action.’”

New Mexico’s Lawmakers Outraged Over EPA Decision. The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/16) reports that New Mexico’s US Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, as well as US Rep. Ben Ray Luján, have denounced the EPA’s decision to deny liability in the mine spill. Delegation members issued a joint letter stating, “We are outraged at this last-ditch move by the federal government’s lawyers to go back on the EPA’s promise to the people of the state of New Mexico — and especially the Navajo Nation — that it would fully address this environmental disaster that still plagues the people of the Four Corners region.” Lawmakers in the state have sworn to “aggressively pursue litigation” to receive payments for the damages.

Colorado Gov. Hickenlooper Vows To Secure Compensation. The [Denver Post](#) (1/13, Finley) reported that Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper said he was disappointed by the EPA’s

decision, as “we expected the EPA to make good on its promise to reimburse any Colorado resident or business that suffered a legitimate loss as a result of the spill.” Gov. Hickenlooper has vowed to work with the Attorney General to “find ways we can make sure our residents receive just compensation.” The [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (1/13) reports that Colorado Sens. Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner, joined by Rep. Scott Tipton, released a statement promising to pursue legislation to ensure that the EPA reimburses “all state, local, and tribal governments for response costs.”

EPA, HUD Sign Agreement For More Proactive Means To Address Lead Contamination.

The [AP](#) (1/13) reported a joint agreement between the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency signed Wednesday gives the agencies “more proactive means to test and clean up contaminated public housing complexes and subsidized multifamily housing on or near Superfund sites.” The agreement comes in the “wake of the crisis in East Chicago that has led to the relocation of more than 1,000 people.” Proposed HUD Secretary Ben Carson said during a US Senate hearing on his nomination that he would continue relocating families from the Calumet neighborhood affected by lead and arsenic contamination if confirmed.

AECOM To Monitor For PCB Contamination At Bennington Superfund Site.

[VTDigger \(VT\)](#) (1/14) reports that AECOM has been retained to perform a new phase of PCB contamination monitoring around the Bennington Superfund site. According to the article, the company will survey a “system of monitoring wells” to determine “whether pollution has spread further in the groundwater,” and could be followed by “development of a long-term mediation plan.” Environmental Analyst with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Linda Elliott said it is possible the EPA “will wait until the administration of President-elect Donald Trump takes over before making final decisions on priorities” for funding, including for the Bennington site.

CLIMATE CHANGE

British PM May Urged To Press Trump On Climate Research.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/16, Harvey) reports British scientists are urging Prime Minister Theresa May to “stand up for climate science in the US.” An open letter signed by “100 leading climate researchers” in the United Kingdom warns of the Trump Administration’s skeptical stance on climate change and points to “worrying media reports that the incoming administration may severely weaken climate change research and data-gathering undertaken by federal organizations in the United States.” In light of these concerns, the letter urges May to “press President-elect Trump and his administration to acknowledge the scientific evidence about the risks of climate change, to continue to support international action to counter climate change, including the Paris Agreement, and to maintain support for world class research and data-gathering on climate change in the United States.”

Trump Appointees Avoid Climate Change Issue During Confirmation Hearings.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Mooney) reported President-elect Trump’s appointees are minimizing or avoiding “full engagement with the issue” of climate change in the confirmation hearings. Rex Tillerson attempted to minimize the issue in his hearing and Michael Pompeo “seemed to suggest he didn’t think the subject very relevant to” heading the CIA. The piece notes that these position

are “progress” when compared to Trump’s assertions that “climate change is a hoax,” but warns that under a Trump Administration, climate change may not be “treated with a lot of urgency.”

Trump Picks To Get Climate Questions During Confirmation Hearings. The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/16, Gehrke) reports President-elect Donald Trump’s nominees are slated to go before Congress this week to address major issues from climate change to the protection of the sage grouse in the West. Potential Interior Secretary Rep. Ryan Zinke will attend his first confirmation hearing Tuesday in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. EPA nominee Scott Pruitt will go before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Wednesday. On Thursday, Energy Department pick Rick Perry will go before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

WSJournal: Democrats Bring Climate Change Hysteria To Confirmation Hearings. In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13) criticized Democrats for including climate change in the hearings of every Trump nominee. The Journal lists several strange questions Democrats asked Rex Tillerson, Mike Pompeo, and Ben Carson as examples of progressive climate change hysteria, and praises Environmental Protection Agency nominee Scott Pruitt’s legal background.

Elites Gathering In Davos To Discuss Climate Change.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/15, Blas, Shankleman) reports that despite Donald Trump’s ridicule of global warming and promise to withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Change Accords, the financiers and businessmen meeting in Davos, Switzerland this week are set to spend more time on climate change than any other issue. The World Economic Forum will have 15 sessions devoted to climate, with nine more to clean energy. The business leaders are concerned with the billions of dollars at stake in renewable and clean energies, because “Insurers are starting to price-in more frequent flooding and droughts; energy giants are shaping their business for a world that’s moving away from oil and coal; car makers are putting real money into electric vehicles; [and] banks want to lend money for renewable electricity projects.” Shell CEO Ben van Beurden said, “The good thing is that the Paris agreement raised the bar for everyone. ... Everybody feels the obligation to act.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/15, Reed) reports that “however slowly and tentatively, nations around the globe appear to be taking some steps to confront the growing threat of climate change,” but participants at the World Economic Forum in Davos this week will be pondering what Donald Trump’s “ascent means for their efforts to make progress on the issue.” Professor David G. Victor of the University of California, San Diego said, “I think there is going to be a lot of talk about what the rest of the world does with the United States’ not playing leadership roles, especially on climate.” He predicted that some Davos participants would “try to figure out which governments could fill any vacuum created by Mr. Trump’s administration.”

[Reuters](#) (1/15, Barkin) reports that Trump is anathema to many of the ideals that the Davos elites cherish, mainly globalization, free trade and multilateralism. This becomes a salient issue because, as Ian Goldin, an expert on globalization and development at Oxford, says that many of the most important global issues, from climate change to financial regulation, can only be solved through multilateral cooperation. That is a position that populists reject. Goldin said, “The state of global politics is worse than it’s been in a long time. ... At a time when we need more coordination to tackle issues like climate change and other systemic risks, we are getting more and more insular.”

Sorkin Notes Perry Has Attended Davos Meeting In Past. Andrew Ross Sorkin writes in the [New York Times](#) (1/16, A1, Sorkin) that as the World Economic Forum “gets underway” Monday night “shifting political trends toward nationalism and against a sense of globalism are raising renewed questions about the relevance of the elites known as the ‘Davos class.’” A “bevy”

of Trump “advisers and members of his business council are expected to attend, including Anthony Scaramucci, who joined the president-elect’s White House staff as an adviser and public liaison to government agencies and businesses.” Scaramucci “will be joined by Stephen Schwarzman, chairman of the Blackstone Group and also of Mr. Trump’s President’s Strategic and Policy Forum.” Although Trump himself has never been invited, “four Trump cabinet nominees have been to Davos in years past: Rick Perry (energy) once; Rex Tillerson (state) three times; Robert Lighthizer (trade) 15 times; and Elaine Chao (transportation) four times.”

Trump Meets With Physicist To Discuss Skepticism Of Global Warming.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Mooney) reported President-elect Trump on Friday “met with William Happer, a Princeton professor of physics who has been a prominent voice in questioning whether we should be concerned about human-caused climate change,” according to the Trump transition team. The [Huffington Post](#) (1/14) reported that Happer, the Princeton physics professor who has stated that global warming is “good for mankind.” Happer testified before the Senate in 2015 that the “benefits that more CO2 brings from increased agricultural yields and modest warming far outweigh any harm.” Happer has also argued that warming “seems to be due mostly to natural causes, not to increasing levels of carbon dioxide,” and that children are “force-fed propaganda masquerading as science.”

Simm: Trump Could Positively Impact Climate.

[CNBC](#) (1/15) reported that Ian Simm, CEO of Impax Asset Management, says that the policies of President-elect Donald Trump could have a positive impact on the environment. First, Trump’s infrastructure plan to boost domestic growth will boost the environmental sector businesses in the US. Simm said, “Trump is very keen on bringing more economic growth back to the United States. More industrial activity is very good for companies that are solving environmental problems, (including) cleaning up the water supply from fracking water, air quality and pollution.” Additionally, sitting out from the environmental revolution will be a blow to the US political and economic prestige. If the US abdicates its position as a climate leader, China is waiting to step into the leadership role. Simm said, “We’re going to be completely transforming our economy in terms of power generation, heating our homes, transportation. If the United States sits on the sidelines, it’s going to miss out on massive opportunities...(which would be) completely opposite of what Trump’s trying to achieve.”

Sierra Club Files FOIA On Climate Data To Prevent Record Destruction.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/13, Dlouhy) reported that while US government scientists are frantically trying to copy climate data they fear will disappear under the Trump Administration, a novel move by the Sierra Club may buy them more time. The environmental group filed Freedom of Information Act requests asking the EPA and DOE for data on greenhouse gas emissions, traditional air pollution and power plants. This may impede the destruction of those records because federal laws and regulations tend to block government agencies from destroying files that are being considered for release. Even if the FOIA requests are eventually denied, the mere request could prevent the files from being deleted quickly. If the records are released, they could be stored independently of government servers, ensuring access if Trump moves to take them down.

ENFORCEMENT

Continuing Coverage: Fiat Chrysler Facing Steep Fines Under EPA Emissions Accusations.

In continuing coverage of the EPA's accusation that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles used hidden software to cheat emissions tests, [Reuters](#) (1/13, Flak) reports financial concerns over "the potential size of fines facing" the company after the allegations "is likely to put off investors until the matter is settled," according to analysts. Following the EPA's accusations, FCA's share price dropped 16 percent on Thursday as the company is "facing a maximum fine of about \$4.6 billion." The stock recovered slightly on Friday, increasing "4.4 percent to 9.185 euros but remained well below levels it hit before the EPA announcement on Thursday, when the stock was a notch short of setting a fresh record high after rising to levels it last touched in March 2015." Analysts have drafted, "best and worst case scenarios," expecting possible "fines ranging from several hundred million dollars to \$4 billion," but concluded "the likelihood of hefty fines was low." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Wilmot) reports Fiat's unsteady finances expose the company to a volatile situation, as the company's debt was piled at 6.5 billion euros at the end of September.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Sylvers) reported the emissions scandal, similar to the one that plagued Volkswagen from late 2015 through this year, spells bad news for FCA's CEO Sergio Marchionne, who has scored several victories in the business world over the last 10 years in turning around Fiat and buying out a bankrupted Chrysler. The story suggests GM did not even deign to meet with FCA for merger talks because of the latter's history of regulatory violations and other legal issues with consumers.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/13, Schoenberg, Ebhardt) reports FCA is now also "under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department over its alleged failure to disclose software that violated emissions standards." In an emailed statement, Fiat said: "As we confirmed yesterday, FCA has been in an active dialogue with the EPA and their U.S. Department of Justice counterparts for several months and we will continue to fully cooperate with their ongoing investigation." Fiat Chrysler's Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne called the allegations "absolute nonsense," adding that "the software wasn't intended to bypass emissions tests or operate differently in evaluation than in real-world use." Marchionne said: "We are confident that no one at FCA committed any fraud or tried not to be compliant...We may be technically deficient but not immoral. We never installed any defeat device." Columnist Chris Hughes writes for [Bloomberg Business](#) (1/13, Hughes) that in response to the allegations, Fiat claims it "believes its emission control systems meet the 'applicable requirements.'" The assertion could be taken "as a rebuttal to any suggestion that the software led to excess emissions, but it doesn't really address the EPA's complaint about inadequate disclosure."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Snively) reports Fiat also maintains that "there are vast differences between its case the scandal that has engulfed" Volkswagen. It highlights the most significant as the EPA has not yet "accused Fiat Chrysler of intentionally installing devices to cheat on emissions tests," instead "of installing eight undisclosed pieces of software that can alter how a vehicle emits air pollution." Furthermore, the EPA hasn't yet asked Fiat to cease sales of the vehicles.

Meanwhile, [Reuters](#) (1/13) reports the UK is rapidly attempting to access the information from the EPA's investigation. A Department for Transport spokesman on Friday said "we are urgently seeking further information from the US Environmental Protection Agency... and will also be seeking information from the manufacturer regarding vehicles in the UK market."

[Reuters](#) (1/13, Shepardson) reports Florida Senator Bill Nelson urged the US Federal Trade Commission to implement "wider federal scrutiny into Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV's (FCHA.MI) marketing of diesel-powered SUVs. Fiat marketed the SUVs in question as 'ecodiesels,'" which are

"clean by nature" and surpass emissions requirements. Additionally, "2014-2016 diesel Ram 1500 and Jeep Grand Cherokee pickups under investigation won several green car awards." Neither the FTC nor Fiat has commented on Nelson's proposal.

[The Verge](#) (1/13, Hawkins), [CNBC](#) (1/13), and [Reuters](#) (1/13, Guillaume, Carraud, Flak) provide similar coverage.

Italian Tests Negate Germany's Accusations Against Fiat Chrysler Emissions. In a separate case, [Reuters](#) (1/16, Flak, de Carbonnel) reports that last year, Germany "raised concerns over certain" over specific FCA models, "alleging that hidden software allowed excessive emissions by their diesel engines." Italy's transport ministry on Monday said tests performed on Fiat Chrysler vehicles reveal "they are compliant with regulations and contain no emissions defeat devices as alleged by Germany." The issue resurfaced after the EPA's recent allegations, and over the weekend, German Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt argued "that Fiat Chrysler vehicles breaking emissions rules should be recalled and taken off the streets." [Bloomberg News](#) (1/16, Buergin, Follain) quotes Italian Transport Minister Graziano Delrio, who responded to Dobrindt's call stating "our tests demonstrate that there are no illegal devices or abnormal procedures...We agreed to set up a mediation commission in Brussels because we have nothing to hide."

INTERNATIONAL

Additional Reading.

- ***Oslo Temporarily Bans Diesel Cars To Combat Pollution.*** [The Guardian \(UK\)](#). (1/16)
- ***Beijing Sets 2017 Air Pollution Goal At More Than Double WHO's Acceptable Standard.*** [New York \(NY\) Times](#). (1/14, Reuters)

OTHER NEWS

Perry Confirmation Hearing To Be Held This Week.

On its website, [NPR](#) (1/16, Taylor) reports several of President-elect Donald Trump's nominees will receive Congressional hearings this week, most of them "are expected to be fairly routine, but a few could be hot-button affairs, including hearings for Education Secretary-designate Betsy DeVos and Scott Pruitt, Trump's nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency." Rick Perry will testify on Thursday "before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee at 10 a.m." on his nomination to be energy secretary. The [Washington Post](#) (1/16, Viebeck) reports Perry's hearing will take place on the same day as Steven Mnuchin, who has been "nominated for treasury secretary."

The [Washington Times](#) (1/16, Wolfgang) reports the record of Perry "clearly shows that renewable energy thrives when he is in charge." As Texas governor, Perry "oversaw a massive expansion of clean power" in the state. Perry's "record on clean energy will be a key weapon against critics," who are certain "to paint the former governor as a shill for the fossil fuels industry and a looming disaster for the environment." Wind Coalition executive director Jeff Clark said, "He's shown that he was an 'all-of-the-above' governor. To the extent that energy is a key part of our Texas economy, Rick Perry was pushing economic growth through energy development. That included oil, gas, wind and solar." The [Boston Globe](#) (1/17, Linskey), in a piece that contends that many of Trump's Cabinet choices do not have "expertise in the departments they'll run," reports Perry "once proposed eliminating" the Energy Department.

PESTICIDES

New “Flexible” EPA Bee Policy Allows Short-term Spraying For Certain Chemicals.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/13, Mohan) reported the EPA released assessments last week saying neonicotinoid pesticides “do not pose significant risk to bee colonies” when used in approved ways, although the agency acknowledged that the chemicals “can kill bees and their larvae individually.” The Times says the risk assessments “will form the scientific foundation” for strictly enforceable federal laws on labeling requirements, and they also underpin the EPA’s unenforceable bee policy, which “suggests that users avoid spraying the toxins when commercial hives have been brought in to pollinate blooming flowers.”

[Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/13, Stecker) reports the new guidance from the EPA is “more flexible and practical” than a proposal from 2015. The new policy “allows products that retain their toxicity to bees to be applied for short periods in certain cases. It also would approve spraying when pollinators are unlikely to be foraging. The policy recommends new language for pesticide labels but is not legally binding.”

RULES/REGULATIONS/POLICY

Supreme Court Takes Up NAM’s WOTUS Case.

Writing for [Shopfloor](#) (1/13), NAM Senior Vice President and General Counsel Linda Kelly said the US Supreme Court on Friday “granted certiorari to the NAM’s petition in the challenge to the EPA’s Waters of the US regulation.” Kelly added, “We have asked the Supreme Court to review a decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, where many suits challenging the WOTUS rule have been consolidated.” The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Barnes) reported that the dozen new cases the Supreme Court accepted on Friday “mostly [represent] business concerns.” The Post cites the NAM’s brief, which in part says, “What should be a straightforward gatekeeping provision has in this and other cases generated widespread judicial disagreement, caused needless delay, and wasted valuable resources for no substantive purpose.” The [High Plains and Midwest AG \(KS\) Journal](#) (1/14) also cited the NAM’s brief.

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/16) reported manufacturers hope the Supreme Court’s review “will resolve a crucial jurisdictional issue in challenging the Obama administration’s far-reaching Waters of the U.S. rule, which has been targeted by President-elect Trump for repeal.” The article cites the NAM’s release, which says, “Delaying review of the jurisdictional question, which must ultimately be resolved in any case, makes no sense, so we are very pleased that the Supreme Court decided today to resolve this issue.”

In a separate article, the [Washington Post](#) (1/14, Adler) said the Supreme Court will not address the substance of the WOTUS rule because its review is limited to proper jurisdiction, which, [Reuters](#) (1/13, Chung) reported, the NAM argues should be the district courts. [Politico Pro](#) (1/16) reports the National Association of Manufacturers is arguing “that challenges to the water rule should be heard first by district courts, rather than by appellate courts, as the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals decided.” [E&E Publishing](#) (1/16) reports the National Association of Manufacturers, “with the support of 31 states, petitioned the Supreme Court to reconsider the 6th Circuit’s jurisdiction decision,” arguing the litigation “belongs in local district courts.”

[Bloomberg Government](#) (1/13) reported the NAM’s petition says that the panel’s ruling, if allowed to stand, “would disserve the federal judicial process, which depends on district courts and courts of appeals independently analyzing legal issues. ... Under the panel’s ruling, challenges to important CWA regulations would be funneled to a single court of appeals, without the benefit of

initial consideration by the district courts or the opinions of the other federal courts of appeals on the same issues.”

[The Hill](#) (1/13, Cama) reports the industry groups involved, “led by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), say that under the Clean Water Act, lower district courts should first hear the challenges, which can then be appealed to the Supreme Court.” The article cites a NAM filing to the Supreme Court in October that said, “This recurring jurisdictional issue has divided the circuits, wasted judicial and party resources, and delayed the resolution of important rule challenges.”

Meanwhile, the [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Fears) reports, the Obama administration on Friday filed “a 245-page brief in defense of its controversial ‘Waters of the United States’ rule that defines every water body in the nation, and determines whether they can be regulated under the Clean Water Act.” The Post characterized the brief as “the administration’s most forceful defense of the rule.” However, the article says it’s “unclear” how it will be defended “since both President-elect Donald Trump and his nominee to lead the EPA, Scott Pruitt, oppose the rule.”

EPA Finalizes Vehicle Fuel Standards Ahead Of Obama’s Last Week In Office.

On Friday, the EPA finalized its fuel-economy rules for the auto industry through 2025, solidifying one of the Administration’s central programs to reduce greenhouse emissions but also sparking outcry from the industry, which wanted more time for the rules to be implemented.

The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Vlasic) reported the EPA decision “was not unexpected,” but automakers say “it will most likely make it more difficult for a Trump administration to dial it back.” EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, however, has pointed out that the industry can improve fuel economy without dramatically raising prices for consumers.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Harder, Spector) reported the final decision calls for car companies to sell light vehicles with an average fuel economy of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, which translates to around 40 miles per gallon in real-world conditions. The auto industry will likely lobby for a reprieve. Environmental advocates, on the other hand, celebrated the step toward better fuel efficiency. [Auto World News](#) (1/14) reported that McCarthy defended the decision to keep the standards intact by citing the “agency’s eight years of research and industry’s ample opportunity for input.” McCarthy said the decision “rests on a large-scale technical record.”

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Mufson) reported “the standards would result in a fleetwide average fuel economy sticker values of 36 miles a gallon by the model year 2025, 10 miles a gallon higher than the current fleet average.” NHTSA still has to put out its own “five-year plan by 2018 or 2019” for the rule, which could pose a couple regulatory speed bumps for the rule, “but NHTSA has agreed with EPA assessments over the past few months and altering its conclusion could be difficult.”

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Snively, Woodyard) reported NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind “said earlier this week that his agency, which oversees fuel economy regulations, will not complete its review of regulations before president-elect Donald Trump takes office.”

The [AP](#) (1/13, Krisher, Biesecker) reported EPA “completed a required midterm review of Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards” back in November “and decided they should not be relaxed as requested by the auto industry.”

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/13, Snively) reported industry group the Auto Alliance stated “The EPA decision is disappointing. Our fundamental priority remains striking the right balance to continue fuel economy gains and carbon reduction without compromising consumer affordability and vital auto-sector jobs.”

The [Detroit Bureau](#) (1/13, Eisenstein) reported that “since the rules were enacted, significant changes have occurred in the U.S. automotive marketplace,” from the replacement of sedans and coupes by SUVs and pickups as the dominant American vehicle by sales, to “shifting demand – as well as cheap gasoline.”

[Automotive News](#) (1/13, McGavin), [Wired](#) (1/13, Davies), and [E&E Publishing](#) (1/13) also report.

Editorial: EPA Fuel Standards “Simply Not Achievable”. An editorial in the [Wheeling \(WV\) Intelligencer](#) (1/17) argues that the EPA’s fuel economy standard of 51.4 miles per gallon is “simply not achievable, barring some unforeseen leap forward in technology.” In order for automakers to meet the EPA target, the paper argues that vehicles will become less safe, more expensive, and probably less durable.

Local TV Coverage: EPA Keeps MPG Goal Under Trump. [KIRO-TV](#) 📺 Seattle (1/16, 9:15 a.m. EST) reported, “The Environmental Protection Agency plans to keep fuel economy standards in place during President-elect Donald Trump’s administration. EPA officials said they are refusing to back down. New vehicles have to average over 51 miles per gallon by 2025 which is up from 33 miles per gallon. Critics say the requirements make cars more expensive.” [KKFX-TV](#) 📺 Santa Barbara, CA (1/17, 1:31 a.m. EST) reported similar coverage.

Auto Industry’s At Times Shaky Relationship With US Regulators Explored.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/13, Welch, Beene, Lippert) reported on the “final, multiprong effort on enforcement and regulation in the automotive industry” being “unleashed” by the Obama Administration as it enters its final week in office. Fiat Chrysler is one prominent example this week of US regulators taking “so much more than a parting shot” at the auto industry, the story says, although Volkswagen and Takata Corp. are also still on the radar. According to the story, the difference between Obama and Trump could be light and day, as it does not appear at the moment that “Trump is spending much time even thinking about how to regulate” the auto industry. As Toyota Motor North America CEO Jim Lentz puts it, “I’m not sure if ‘our neck of the woods’ is going to be on top of the list,” given that “the new Secretary of Transportation may be spending more time on infrastructure than on regulating autonomous cars or fuel economy.”

In a similar story, [Bloomberg News](#) (1/13, Mehrotra, Welch) reported on the various regulatory issues rocking major players in the industry. For instance, in 2014, just as it seemed GM would be off the hook for the then-biggest auto recall in US history, the scandal over Takata-manufactured airbags was just gearing up. VW and FCA face emissions scandals.

TOXICS/TSCA

EPA: New Hampshire Chemical Releases Down Significantly Over Past Decade.

The [AP](#) (1/15) reported that chemical releases in New Hampshire have fallen from nearly 5.3 million pounds to less than a half-million pounds over the past decade, according to new data from the EPA. “The trends that show steady declines of chemicals being released into New England’s air, water and land show without any doubt that we can have a strong and growing economy while enjoying a clean, healthy and protected environment,” explained Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA’s New England office.

Additional Reading.

- **EPA Issues Proposal on TSCA Inventory “Reset”.** [National Law Review](#). (1/16)


- ***EPA Proposes Procedures to Prioritize Chemicals for Risk Evaluation Under TSCA.***
[National Law Review.](#) (1/16)

WATER

Engineering Company's Report Suggests Higher Costs For Getting Flint Water Plant Operational.

[MLive \(MI\)](#) (1/16, Fonger) says a draft report from engineering and construction company CDM Smith appears to be the source of the recent rumors that the expected cost of getting Flint, Michigan's water treatment plant operational plan will be higher than previous estimates and that the timeframe for completion is longer than expected. According to MLive, "The estimates raise new questions about who would pay for \$105 million in recommended upgrades contained in the report and for the millions more that would be needed to continue purchases of pre-treated water for as long as three more years," when previous estimates placed a completion date somewhere in the second quarter of 2017.

Local TV Coverage: Long Island Ground Water Contamination.

[WLNY-TV](#)  New York (1/15, 11:42 a.m. EST) reported, "Water worries for 3 million people in Long Island. A chemical with possible cancer links has been detected in the water....Hicksville's wells contains the highest concentration in the nation of the man-made chemical dioxane listed by the EPA as a probable carcinogen. ...Governor Cuomo announced in his state of the state there will be further testing for dioxin on long island. He proposed a \$2 billion fund to pay for clean water infrastructure, helping communities and still treatment systems to get rid of contaminants. ...Effects of the chemical varies depends on person's exposure, health and age."

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January 9, 2017 - Hazard Ranking System Subsurface Intrusion Final Rule

January 11, 2017 -- CERCLA 108 b Proposed Rule for Hardrock Mining

January 11, 2017 -- CERCLA 108 b Additional Classes Notice

January 13, 2017 – Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act Final Rule. The effective date is [March 14, 2017](#).

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I have attached a letter from the White House Chief of Staff, Denis McDonough, accepting your resignation.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your commitment.

Best,
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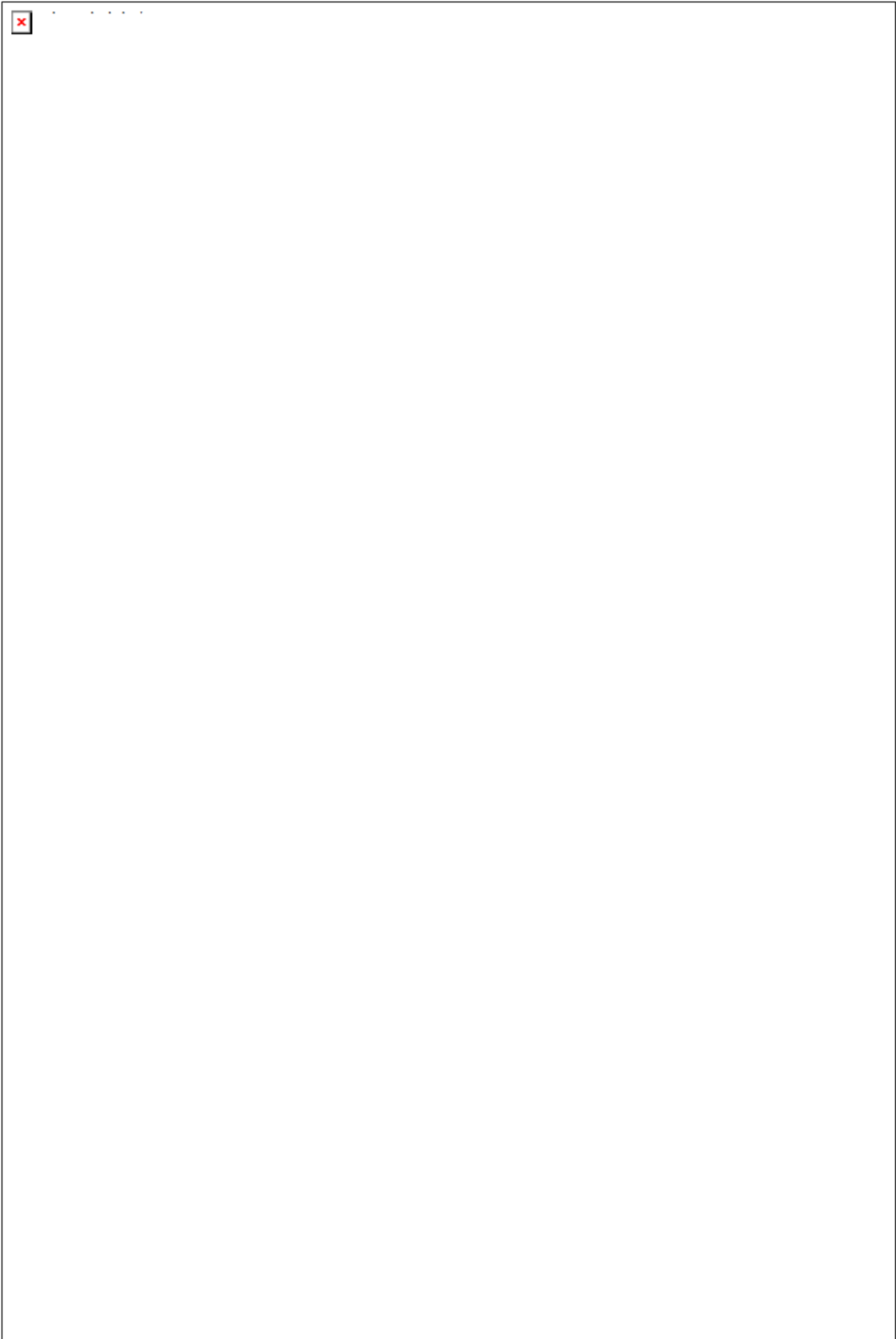
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Subject: Fwd: Head shot

Head shot.



From: EPA Mass Mailer on behalf of EPA Security DC to All HQ - Security Update
<EPA_Security_DC_to_All_HQ_-_Security_Update@epamail.epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Security Update - Employee Entrance Closures and Employee Action Requested, TODAY/Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Importance: High

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EPA Security has been notified that there will be a VIP visit to the Mellon Auditorium today **Tuesday January 17, 2017**. Appropriate authorities, including the Federal Protective Service (FPS) will implement additional security measures at the William Jefferson Clinton (WJC) East and West buildings. This will also include increased security presence in the Federal Triangle area.

Entrance (and pedestrian walkway) Closures (employees will not be allowed to exit or enter):

- The WJC East employee entrance under the archway adjacent to the Mellon Auditorium will be **closed 2pm (through remainder of the day)**.
- The WJC West employee entrance, across from the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) daycare center will be **closed 2pm (through remainder of the day)**. **The pedestrian walkway along this RRB daycare corridor will also be closed.**

Employee Action Requested:

- Employees located in the WJC East (400 corridor), West (200 corridor) or the Connecting Wing, **facing the Mellon Auditorium**, should please **close window blinds beginning no later than noon (and remain closed all day)**.

If you have questions, please send an email to OARM-OA-HQ-OB@epa.gov

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: With Admiration and Appreciation
Attachments: PastedGraphic-1.tiff

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From: Ken Colburn [mailto:KColburn@raponline.org]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 6:11 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: With Admiration and Appreciation

Gina,

I believe that America is on the verge of massive electrification by increasingly clean supply resources, with generation, demand management, and end-use technologies and processes that are here today or will be in weeks or months, not years.

I believe that outcome would not have happened, and certainly wouldn't have happened as expeditiously, had you not been at EPA's helm.

As you (hopefully) embark on a well-deserved respite, please take with you how grateful I and millions of other Americans are for your service to us and our planet.

Please be sure to let us at RAP know your next email and mobile number, won't you?!

Thank you,
-Ken

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Ferris, Lena

From: McConville, Drew J. EOP/CEQ (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Drew McConville
Subject: Farewell and contact info

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Friends,

Before I head out the door one last time, I wanted to quickly pass along my contact info and my sincere thanks for all the work you do for communities, our planet, and future generations. It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve this President and work with such incredibly talented and good people inside and outside government.

Please keep in touch!

Drew
Personal email: (b) (6)

Ferris, Lena

From: Herckis, Arian
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: I don't care Happy Hour

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Administrator – I sent around this email to folks. Figured it didn't hurt to have another happy hour taking place.

From: Herckis, Arian
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>; Rupp, Mark <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Dunkin, Ann <Dunkin.Ann@epa.gov>; Beauvais, Joel <Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov>; McCabe, Janet <McCabe.Janet@epa.gov>; Wilson, Shari <Wilson.Shari@epa.gov>; Jones, Jim <Jones.Jim@epa.gov>; Shenkman, Ethan <Shenkman.Ethan@epa.gov>; Nishida, Jane <Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>; Natarajan, Nitin <Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov>; Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>; Gilinsky, Ellen <Gilinsky.Ellen@epa.gov>; Mitchell, Stacey <Mitchell.Stacey@epa.gov>; Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>; Stanislaus, Mathy <Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov>; Burke, Thomas <Burke.Thomas@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>; Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>; Melissa Harrison <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Brown, Tristan <brown.tristan@epa.gov>; Asher, Jonathan <Asher.Jonathan@epa.gov>; Chris Cobbs <Cobbs.Chris@epa.gov>; Liel Azooli <Azoolin.Liel@epa.gov>; Michaels, Andrew <michaels.andrew@epa.gov>; Davis, Gail <Davis.Gail@epa.gov>; Ragland, Micah <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>; Emerson, Michael <Emerson.Michael@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>; Naples, Eileen <Naples.Eileen@epa.gov>; Burden, Susan <Burden.Susan@epa.gov>; Mark Rupp <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>; Luseni Pieh <Pieh.Luseni@epa.gov>; MacCartney, Connor <maccartney.connor@epa.gov>; Garrett, Lateisha <garrett.lateisha@epa.gov>; (b) (6); (b) (6); Vargas, Melissa <Vargas.Melissa@epa.gov>; Monger, Jon <Monger.Jon@epa.gov>; (b) (6); (b) (6); Rosemary Y. Enobakhare <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Ragland, Micah <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>; Chase, JoAnn <chase.joann@epa.gov>; Juarez, MariaElena <Juarez.MariaElena@epa.gov>; Mark Kasman <Kasman.Mark@epa.gov>; (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); Willis, Sharnett <Willis.Sharnett@epa.gov>; Marcus McClendon <McClendon.Marcus@epa.gov>; Washington, Valerie <Washington.Valerie@epa.gov>; Burley, Veronica <Burley.Veronica@epa.gov>; Robison, Ryan <Robison.Ryan@epa.gov>; (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); (b) (6); Wachter, Eric <Wachter.Eric@epa.gov>; Sublett, Stacey <Sublett.Stacey@epa.gov>; Rackoff, Jonathan <Rackoff.Jonathan@epa.gov>; Rennert, Kevin <Rennert.Kevin@epa.gov>; Anderson, Denise <anderson.denise@epa.gov>; Burton, Tamika <burton.tamika@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Connors, Sandra <Connors.Sandra@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Donna <Jenkins.Donna@epa.gov>; Reeder, John <Reeder.John@epa.gov>
Subject: I don't care Happy Hour

Hello everyone,

I know there are several folks planning after hour activities for today but I have one more to add to your social calendar. Happy hour will begin at Boss Shepherd's this evening at 5:30 pm. The lounge area behind the bar is reserved for us. You can mention my name or EPA. There will also be room if we spill over.

Hope you can stop by. Please send this email along to anyone I may have inadvertently left off.

Best,
Arian

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Ferris, Lena

From: Benenati, Frank
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Draft letter for review

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Looks good! Have a few small nits. (b) (5)

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From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft letter for review

Another FYI. This is a note I plan to send to the President.

-----Original Message-----

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina [mailto:Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 12:41 AM
To: Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft letter for review

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Sent from my iPad

Ferris, Lena

From: Harrison, Melissa
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Harrison, Melissa
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Dreams

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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

As I depart EPA there are few words which I feel can do justice toward explaining the deep passion I have for you and this agency.

As an only child, I had a lot of time to daydream and imagine all the places I would go and all the incredible people I would meet.

But, none of those dreams were as big or fulfilling as working with you to protect the American public.

Just beyond the rhetoric of the DC beltway live millions of people who depend on your work. They also recognize this agency and its staff are the gold standard across the world for protecting public health and the environment.

If or when the days get hard, please remember I will now be standing with them as the agency's biggest cheerleader.

Never stop dreaming--And thank you for making my dream a reality.

Sincerely,
Melissa

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Ferris, Lena

From: Benenati, Frank
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Blog

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Ah yes, okay that sounds good. We can add that in.

And will make those changes.

Thank you!!

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>
Subject: Blog

The blog is fine. (b) (5)

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Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: THANK YOU... AND FAREWELL

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-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jason S. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:02 PM
To: millerjasons@gmail.com
Subject: THANK YOU... AND FAREWELL

All,

Words cannot fully express my appreciation and gratitude for all of you -- it has been the privilege of a lifetime to be a small part of this incredible team serving this President and this great country of ours. Your talent, commitment, and passion inspired me every single day.

My family and I will be staying in the DC area, and you can always reach me at:

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And in the meantime, keep kicking ass!

Signing out,
JM

Jason S. Miller
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The White House | National Economic Council
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Ferris, Lena

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OFF THE WIRES

Putin Accuses Obama Administration Of Seeking To Undermine Trump's Legitimacy.

Russian President Vladimir Putin today accused the outgoing Obama Administration of attempting to delegitimize the incoming Trump Administration through circulating falsified allegations. At a

press conference with the prime minister of Moldova today, Putin said, "People who order such fakes against the US president-elect, fabricate them and use them in political struggle are worse than prostitutes. They have no moral restrictions whatsoever, and it highlights a significant degree of degradation of political elites in the West, including in the United States."

IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AROUND TOWN

CBO Estimates Obamacare Repeal Would Leave 32 Million Without Insurance, Premiums Would Spike.

The Congressional Budget Office today released a CBO/Joint Committee on Taxation report on the impact of HR 3762, the "Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015," which would repeal the Obamacare mandates and subsidies while retaining the law's reforms of the market. The summary says that in the first new plan year after repeal, the "number of people who are uninsured would increase by 18 million." Subsequently, after the "elimination of the ACA's expansion of Medicaid eligibility and of subsidies for insurance purchased through the ACA marketplaces, that number would increase to 27 million, and then to 32 million in 2026." In addition, the CBO/JCT analysis says, premiums "in the nongroup market (for individual policies purchased through the marketplaces or directly from insurers) would increase by 20 percent to 25 percent – relative to projections under current law – in the first new plan year following enactment. The increase would reach about 50 percent in the year following the elimination of the Medicaid expansion and the marketplace subsidies, and premiums would about double by 2026."

Schumer: GOP Efforts To Repeal Obamacare Will Make US "Sick Again." In a statement on the CBO report, which he requested, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer said, "Nonpartisan statistics don't lie: It's crystal clear that the Republican effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act will increase health care costs for millions of Americans and kick millions more off of their health insurance. The numbers are even worse than experts could have imagined: Tens of millions will lose their health insurance, and individuals will see their premiums double. This is exactly why Republican members of Congress are getting an earful back home from constituents who want them to turn back from their dangerous plan to make America sick again."

GAO: Healthcare, Interest On Debt Pushing Federal Spending To Unsustainable Levels.

Healthcare expenditures and net interest are now the main drivers of growing Federal spending, according to the Government Accountability Office, which released an annual report on the nation's fiscal health Tuesday. "I remain deeply concerned about our government's unsustainable long-term fiscal path," said Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the US and head of the GAO. "Without policy changes, the debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to reach historic levels within 15-25 years," he added. Federal spending outpaced revenue by \$587 billion in fiscal year 2016 – up from \$439 billion in fiscal year 2015 – which puts the Federal Government on an unsustainable fiscal path, the new report found. Spending was driven by Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and interest on debt held by the public, which rose as a share of GDP last year by two percent. – Bulletin exclusive from US News

Trump: Polls Showing Low Approval Ratings Also Rigged.

President-elect Trump today took aim at the latest round of polling data that show his approval ratings languishing. Trump tweeted, "The same people who did the phony election polls, and were so wrong, are now doing approval rating polls. They are rigged just like before."

Trump did not refer to a specific survey, but an ABC News/Washington Post poll released today (conducted January 12-15, + / - 3.5 percent) shows 40 percent have a favorable opinion of Trump, while 54 percent have an unfavorable opinion. That survey sample was 31 percent Democratic, 23 percent Republican, and 37 percent independent.

A CNN/ORC International poll of 1,000 adults, conducted January 12-15 (+ / - 3 percent), shows 40 percent approve of how Trump is handling his transition, while 52 percent disapprove. The survey shows 44 percent have a favorable opinion while 53 percent have an unfavorable opinion of Trump.

Trump Celebrates "Bikers For Trump" Coming For Inauguration. The President-elect today tweeted, "People are pouring into Washington in record numbers. Bikers for Trump are on their way. It will be a great Thursday, Friday and Saturday!"

McCain: Trump Unpopular For "Tilting At Windmills" Rather Than Focusing On Presidency. Asked on CNN's "New Day" why Trump's poll numbers were apparently going the wrong way as he takes office, Arizona Sen. John McCain said, "I think you can assume that it is because he seems to want to engage with every windmill that he can find, rather than focus on a large aspect of assuming the most important position on earth. And, obviously, apparently, according to the polls, many Americans are not happy with that approach, when he has not even assumed the presidency."

Trump Touts Jobs Kept In US, Military Cost Reductions.

President-elect Trump said he has already had a positive impact on the US economy, citing his role in the automakers' decisions to keep production in country, among other issues. Trump tweeted, "With all of the jobs I am bringing back into the US (even before taking office), with all of the new auto plants coming back into our...country and with the massive cost reductions I have negotiated on military purchases and more, I believe the people are seeing 'big stuff.'"

Trump Targets Lewis Claim That His Will Be First Missed Inauguration.

President-elect Trump today renewed his Twitter feud with GA5 Rep. John Lewis (D), saying he incorrectly said this week's inauguration would be the first he had missed. Trump tweeted, "John Lewis said about my inauguration, 'It will be the first one that I've missed.' WRONG (or lie)! He boycotted Bush 43 also because he...'thought it would be hypocritical to attend Bush's swearing-in....he doesn't believe Bush is the true elected president.' Sound familiar! WP"

Spicer: Environmentalists Trying To "Impugn" Zinke's Character.

At the Trump transition briefing today, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer discussed MT-AL Rep. Ryan Zinke's (R) confirmation hearing for his nomination to be Secretary of the Interior at the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee this afternoon. Spicer said environmentalists "are shamelessly trying to impugn Ryan's character by flinging political mud. The bottom line is that Ryan's military and public service record is unbelievably laudable. He was a lieutenant commander of SEAL Team 6, awarded two Bronze Stars for combat, and four Meritorious Service Medals."

Spicer Says DeVos To Be Key To Trump's Urban Renewal Efforts.

At the Trump transition briefing today, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Education Secretary-designate Betsy DeVos today appears before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee for her confirmation hearing. DeVos is "not just a critic who points out problems. She's a leader who's been fixing them. Her efforts to improve every school is critical

to the Administration's urban renewal plan. She'll be a stalwart advocate for students, especially low-income and special needs children, and a strong supporter of greater schools in all forums and dedicated teachers who strive every day to help students achieve."

Scaramucci Outlines Trump Administration Message To Davos.

On Bloomberg TV today, Anthony Scaramucci, who will serve as the Trump Administration's liaison to the financial and political communities, discussed the message he was taking to the Davos World Economic Forum. Scaramucci said, "I think it's a really basic message. I mean, the Administration obviously wants peace and global prosperity, but one of the challenges for us is to help helping working-class families and middle-class families in the United States. And what I've explained here in the short time that I'm here, is that if we can really come up with the right policies to see real wage growth, Erik, in the United States, that's going to be great for the world because that purchasing power will filtrate back into the world and lead to more global growth. So – so in a lot of ways, the – President Trump represents a hope for globalism. If you can fix and cure the waste situation in the United States, it will lead to more global command."

Asked about his efforts to bring a delegation of US CEOs to Russia in conjunction with Kirill Dmitriev, head of Russia's Direct Investment Fund, Scaramucci said, "Well, I mean, I was as a private citizen, working on that. And so what we – we did, we actually met last night and I know him a long time...have known him from being here at this delegation. ... So but as a private citizen, I was working on that. What I said to him last night in my capacity inside the Administration, I would certainly reach out to some people to help him, but I've got to obviously check with, you know, one of the – one of the issuing things, they give you this big, thick government ethics book, Erik, and you've got to go through everything to make sure you do everything appropriately. ... So I just have to make sure that everything's done appropriately, but the idea was many months ago, to have more outreach with Russia, but also other countries, not just Russia, China, other – other countries."

Asked if he would be the intermediary between the Trump Administration and Dmitriev or other members of the Russian government, Scaramucci said, "Well, I – I – you know, I don't – I wouldn't – I wouldn't say Russian as much. I mean, the way I've read through the job description and in my conversations with Reince Priebus and the President-elect, it's more of a liaison function to help businesses large and small, see if they can get help from the White House and vice versa. I'll have some role in these competitive councils, making sure we bring people in and get really actual ideas out of them. We'll be working with state and local governments and trade associations, and there will certainly be an international component to it as well."

Hayden Says Trump Appears To Be Starting Fundamental International Realignment.

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe" today, former CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden discussed President-elect Trump's criticism of NATO and view that German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Vladimir Putin were equivalent. Hayden said, "Well, Joe, it's quite remarkable. Frankly, what the German Chancellor said yesterday in response to those interviews is pay no attention to what the President-elect of the United States says. And frankly, I think I'm in that club now, too, Joe. I'm waiting for the kick-off. Let's get to Friday. Let's get on the field and start doing real things and push all the trash talk off to the side and get on with the business of governing."

Asked if he believed, as some US allies in Europe do, that Trump's early moves will result in a fundamental realignment, Hayden said, "I think we might and, frankly, play it all the way back to that letter a whole bunch of folks signed last summer. That's fundamentally what this was about. Those Republican internationalists that signed those letters fundamentally believe that the

United States has done a good thing over the last 75 years, frankly, bearing a bit of an unfair share of the burden. Doing things for the good of the order rather than just narratively defined self- national interest. And I think the President-elect wants to overturn that equation. That is, in fact, a fundamental...realignment. And you saw your report from Davos. You saw the Chinese leader kind of moving into that space that appears to be being vacated by the Americans."

Asked what Trump could do to communicate that he is a leader to the US public, Hayden said, "Coherence, integration, put the phone away. Don't try to do this in 140 characters. Create a unified vision, communicate that to the American people."

McCain Pledges To Work With Trump Cabinet, But "World's On Fire."

On CNN's "New Day" today, Arizona Sen. John McCain said he has "a very close relationship" Defense Secretary-designate Gen. James Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary-designate Gen. John Kelly, and "I know and respect" National Security Adviser Gen. Michael Flynn "a great deal. A lot of the people that are going to be around the President, I have known for many years, and I trust and respect, especially those individuals that I just mentioned. So I want to work with the President. I know I can work with the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security and others because I have in the past. And so I will look forward to the opportunity of working with them."

He continued, "Look, the world's on fire, Chris. We are – we are in more danger than we've been in 70 years. The European Union is under the most severe strain. The refugee problem continues. The Chinese act in the most aggressive behavior. And, of course, Vladimir Putin continues to now play a major role in the Middle East, which is something he did not do. He was not – he was absent from the Middle East a few years ago."

Iraqi Security Forces Recapture Key Mosul Sites From ISIL.

Iraqi security forces have reached key buildings in eastern Mosul and raised the Iraqi flag there, an event that US defense officials have hailed as important progress in liberating the city from ISIL. "It's both a symbolic victory and a significant operational victory," said Elissa Slotkin, acting Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. "ISIL's days in Mosul are quickly coming to an end," Col. John Dorrian, spokesman for US forces in Baghdad, added. That said, "We have learned through many, many years that unless there is simultaneous pressure across multiple ends of their flank, they just have the ability to disappear and pop up somewhere else," Slotkin said, adding that stabilization and governance are critical to success. "It cannot be left out if you want to actually have a lasting defeat. It's something that is sometimes harder to do than the military victory but it is absolutely required."

Hayden: Chinese Strategic Behavior Becoming More Assertive, Nationalistic.

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe" today, former CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden said, "The Chinese over the past several years have been acting, from my point of view, very un-Chinese. In my last couple of jobs, I had insight into how they thought strategically and, frankly, it was a thing to behold. Patient, strategic, nuanced, and now the Chinese over the past several years have been very nationalistic. Very much pushing outward. I think they're doing it because the legitimacy of the party is a bit threatened by the slowing down of economic progress. So in that sense, some pushing back against the Chinese, I think, is a good thing. But...I think in every speech I make with regard to China with the sentence [that] China is not an enemy of the United States of America and there aren't any good reason for China to become an enemy of the United States."

France Making Significant Contributions To Countering Terror Groups.

France is committed to stopping the spread of violent extremism and, to that end, has deployed “significant military resources worldwide” in the fight, defense officials say. Out of a total force of 205,000, the French military has 30,000 troops deployed worldwide performing counterterrorism missions. This includes three main missions in the defense of France, the African Sahel, and the French contribution to the fight against ISIL in Iraq and Syria. The mission in defense of France includes more than 13,000 service members working with police and the gendarmerie paramilitary force to protect France from attacks like those that hit Paris and Nice. “We also have stand-by forces stationed in French overseas territories from New Caledonia and French Polynesia to Guyana in South America,” said French Col. Patrik Steiger while traveling with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joe Dunford. French forces also cooperate with US Africa Command in providing training to local troops. In order to complete these missions, the French government has increased the size of its army by 11,000, raising the active-duty forces to 77,000.

Pentagon Increasing Investments In Robotic Manufacturing Technology.

Robotics are increasingly necessary to achieve the level of precision required for defense needs, Pentagon officials say. But the cost and complexity of robots often limits small-to-mid-size manufacturers from using technology, Defense Department officials say. “Our adversaries and potential adversaries are designing weapons systems aimed directly at defeating US capabilities – particularly power-projection capabilities,” said Frank Kendall, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. To maintain US technological superiority, “The department requires investments and advanced [technologies] to shape the capabilities of innovation and timely acquisition of our nation’s defense systems for tomorrow.” To this end, the Pentagon has created the Advanced Robotics Manufacturing Institute to explore software and artificial intelligence, as well as human and machine behavior modeling “to realize the promises of a robust manufacturing innovation ecosystem.” The institute will receive \$80 million in Federal funding as well as \$173 million from industry partners. Military robotics will be used across the DOD “for entirely new modes of human-robot teams” to give US warfighters an advantage on the battlefield, Kendall said. Such teams “better enable robots and warfighters to safely and decisively conduct their missions,” he added. “At the end of the day, it’s all going to be about having fewer names on these walls [in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes] so our people don’t have to sacrifice themselves, and our people in uniform will have a significant advantage on the battlefield.”

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The Office of Internal Communications thanks everyone who submitted winter photos for our consideration. We received more than 70 images of them in our winter issues. If you missed the opportunity to submit a winter image, be on the lookout in March for our call for spring images.



Senior Leadership Message

Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of my time as your Administrator, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside you at EPA. Thanks to your hard work, the Agency has made realizing our mission to protect human health and the environment—an accomplishment list way too long to compile in one email.

As I told the President in our [Agency exit memo](#), I am proud to have run my leg of the race with steadfast vigor, leaving a healthy EPA.

Thank you for your support and your unwavering commitment to science and the law.

Sincerely,

Gina
Gina McCarthy

Visit the [EPA Transition site](#) to keep up to date on planning for the Presidential transition.

Hot Topics

Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg announces new EPA exhibit

Last January, the Administrator had the opportunity to visit an environmental exhibit in Japan that included among other things Japanese dealt with the issue of mercury poisoning. When she returned home, she talked with us about EPA having a place a public learn about the many ways we have helped to improve public health and the environment.

Today, I am very pleased to announce the opening of the new exhibit in the Ronald Reagan Building, "The Story of the Environment: Protecting Public Health and the Environment." The exhibit takes you through the history of environmental protection in America. EPA protects public health and the environment by safeguarding the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land on which

It brings to life the many ways the EPA studies public health and environmental issues, sets national standards, responds to natural disasters and enforces environmental laws. With historical artifacts, imagery and videos, visitors will discover how environmental protection has helped America's health, prosperity and innovation.

We were very fortunate to work with the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibits Group, who designed, manufactured and installed the exhibit. The General Services Administration and OARM's Office of Administration, who helped to re-purpose the exhibit space. I want to give a special thanks to Joanne Amorosi of OARM for her tireless leadership and energy in bringing the exhibit across the finish line, as we officially curate the exhibit this afternoon.

The exhibit occupies space on the Mezzanine Level of the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) (M112) that previously housed the EPA's Office of Public Affairs. Approximately 25 to 35 visitors can visit the space at any one time.

I hope you will take time to visit the exhibit and enjoy learning about the proud 46-year history of the EPA, our many accomplishments in protecting public health and the environment over those years, and the ongoing work throughout the agency. I also hope you will encourage your professional associates to visit the exhibit when they are in Washington, D.C.

The self-guided exhibit will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed, on federal holidays). It is free and no ID/security screening is required for RRB access. In February, we will more broadly promote its opening to the many visitors at the RRB.

For further information, visit www.epa.gov/exhibit (webpage will go live Jan. 23).

Updates on automakers' Clean Air Act violations

EPA Notifies Fiat Chrysler of Clean Air Act Violations

On Jan. 12, EPA issued a notice of violation to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and FCA US LLC (collectively FCA) for alleged

Act for installing and failing to disclose engine management software in light-duty model year 2014, 2015, and 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram 1500 trucks with 3.0 liter diesel engines sold in the United States. The undisclosed software results in increased emissions from the vehicles. The allegations cover roughly 104,000 vehicles. EPA is working in coordination with the California Air Resources Board. EPA also issued a notice of violation to FCA. EPA and CARB have both initiated investigations based on FCA's alleged actions. [Learn more](#)

Volkswagen Agrees to Plead Guilty

On Jan. 11, Administrator Gina McCarthy joined U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch at a press conference at the U.S. Department of Justice to announce that Volkswagen AG (VW) has agreed to plead guilty to three criminal felony counts and pay a \$2.8 billion criminal penalty for its company's long-running scheme to sell approximately 590,000 diesel vehicles in the United States by using a defeat device to evade emissions mandated by the EPA and the CARB, and by lying and obstructing justice to further the scheme. [Learn more.](#)

2016 Annual Environmental Enforcement Results

EPA recently announced its 2016 annual enforcement and compliance results, highlighted by a series of high-impact cases that

environmental and public health benefits to communities across the country. During fiscal 2016, which spanned Oct. 1, 2015 – enforcement actions secured \$13.7 billion in investments by companies for projects to control pollution. EPA also secured enforcement to ensure the proper treatment, storage, and disposal of an estimated 62 billion pounds of hazardous waste, the majority coming from [Mosaic Fertilizer](#) for their eight facilities across Florida and Louisiana.

Two recent landmark settlements — one with BP Exploration & Production and one with Volkswagen — are among the most impactful environmental cases in U.S. history. On April 4, 2016, the court entered an agreement with [BP](#) for a \$20.8 billion settlement for Clean Water Act violations stemming from the Deepwater Horizon blowout and resulting oil spill, with more than \$20 billion going to remediate communities and the environment. In a case that was lodged in fiscal 2015 but not entered by the court until Oct. 25, 2016, [Volkswagen](#) agreed to pay up to \$14.7 billion on projects to reduce air pollution, remedy environmental damage and buy back 2.0 liter diesel vehicles to stop the use of illegal software to cheat emissions tests and deceive customers.

Read more on EPA's [Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2016](#) website.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and remain working full time in public service to reduce their student loans. Under this tax-free program, federal employees may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on their loans after 120 qualifying payments have been made. To qualify for PSLF, borrowers must:

- ✓ Work for their federal agency fulltime;
- ✓ Have qualifying federal Direct Loans; and
- ✓ Repay their loans under a qualifying repayment plan, either an income-driven repayment plan or the 10-year standard repayment plan.

For borrowers to qualify for PSLF, they need to be on a qualifying repayment plan and submit an [Employment Certification Form](#) annually to confirm for borrowers that they work for an eligible employer and are making qualifying payments towards loan forgiveness. It is important to certify early and often — once a year or any time a borrower's employer changes. [Learn more.](#)

Contact your organization's [Shared Services Center Point of Contact](#) if you have questions related to completing the Employment Certification Form.

Key Dates

Video Spotlight



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Click on the "Add to Calendar" button to add an event to your Outlook calendar.
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Happening This Week:

Jan. 17: [2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration with Administrator McCarthy](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Jan. 19: [Webinar: How to Use Online CFRs](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day

Coming Soon:

Feb. 20: [President's Day holiday observed](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)



[#TestForRadon](#)

[Making a Visible Difference In Newburgh, NY](#)

EPA is working to bring focused attention to the needs of more than 50 environmentally overburdened and economically distressed communities. Through this program, EPA is working with community leaders and residents to understand their needs, then working with local, state, and other stakeholders to leverage our collective resources in supporting their goals. In this video, watch how we are helping the city of Newburgh bring stakeholders together to work on sustainable development in the city.



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Health & Wellness

IT Corner

[EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge](#)

[Beware of VISHING](#)

EPA is committed to providing employees with a healthy work-

The number of reported vishing attempts at EPA has significantly increased in recent months. Vishing is a telephone scam where cyber criminals call you posing as legitimate companies or organizations, such as a helpdesk, bank, or credit card company, in an attempt to obtain sensitive information. Successful vishing attempts allow cyber criminals to obtain information, such as login credentials or personally identifiable information, and gain access to your computer in some cases.

Protect Yourself

- Ask for identification and a call back number.
- Determine if the call is unsolicited or a cold call.
- Never give out sensitive or personal information over the phone without verifying the caller's identity and need to know.
- Don't trust caller ID.
- If vishing is suspected, document the call – the information provided, the caller's phone number, and any other pertinent information. Report the incident to the EPA Call Center.

Knowledge is key to thwarting vishing attempts and protecting your information.

- Know how to contact the [EPA Call Center](#) [1-866-41-4EPA].
- Know your [Information Security Officer \(ISO\)](#).
- Know how to [Report an Incident](#).

For more information about vishing and other cybersecurity threats, visit the [Informational Advisories](#).

life balance. To promote a physically active lifestyle for all employees and encourage friendly competition among EPA locations, register for the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge.

Running from Jan. 16 – April 16, the challenge will motivate and support participants as they track their daily steps and “step up” their activity levels to accrue as many steps as possible. While there is no specific recommendation for daily number of steps, the American College of Sports Medicine suggests 10,000 steps (five miles) per day as a good long-term goal. In addition to the primary challenge goal of taking more steps each day, participants can also log minutes of light-, moderate-, and vigorous-intensity exercise not otherwise covered by tracking steps. The more steps and minutes of exercise tracked, the greater the number of points earned.

Participants will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points for their location’s team by completing a bi-weekly wellness challenge. Visit the [Challenge site](#) to register, and check it often throughout the challenge to see the rankings of top locations and individuals.

For more information about the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge, contact your [wellness coordinator](#) or visit the [Challenge site](#). We look forward to your participation and wish you luck with your fitness goals.

We would love to hear your feedback about this newsletter. Please contact us at: internalcomms@epa.gov | <http://intranet.epa.gov/internalcomms>
Looking for previous editions of the Newsletter? Go to the [Newsletter Archive](#)
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Ferris, Lena

From: Strauss, Alexis
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Question

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When is good?

Alexis Strauss
Acting Regional Administrator
E.P.A. Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-972-3572

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:17 AM
To: Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
Subject: Question

Alexis when you get a chance, give me a call. Just checking in on an something. Thanks

Ferris, Lena

From: Fritz, Matthew
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Asher, Jonathan; Benenati, Frank; Brown, Tristan; Burke, Thomas; Carleton, Ron; Curry, Ron; Distefano, Nichole; Dunkin, Ann; Enck, Judith; Enobakhare, Rosemary; Flynn, Mike; Garbow, Avi; Garrett, Lateisha; Garvin, Shawn; Giles-AA, Cynthia; Gilinsky, Ellen; Goffman, Joseph; Grantham, Nancy; Hague, Mark; Harrison, Melissa; Herckis, Arian; Jones, Jim; Kaplan, Robert; McCabe, Janet; Adm13McCarthy, Gina; McGrath, Shaun; McLerran, Dennis; McTeerToney, Heather; Meiburg, Stan; Mitchell, Stacey; Natarajan, Nitin; Nishida, Jane; Pieh, Luseni; Ragland, Micah; Rennert, Kevin; Rupp, Mark; Shenkman, Ethan; Vaught, Laura; Vizian, Donna; Wilson, Shari; Vargas, Melissa; Spalding, Curt; Stanislaus, Mathy
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: revised as of 1:00 PM
Attachments: contacts.docx
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Good afternoon everyone,

I have corrected some errors and attached the latest.

This evening, I will revisit the note I sent earlier from my personal account to ensure we have the correct addresses in that format.

From: Enck, Judith
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Enck, Judith
Subject: FW: Elisabeth Haub School of Law Announces EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck as Visiting Scholar
Attachments: Elisabeth Haub School of Law Announces Judith Enck as Visiting Scholar.docx
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 17, 2017

Elisabeth Rapuano/914-422-4354
erapuano@law.pace.edu

**THE ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW
ANNOUNCES EPA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
JUDITH ENCK AS HAUB VISITING SCHOLAR
FOR SPRING SEMESTER**

WHITE PLAINS, NY – Pace University’s Elisabeth Haub School of Law (Pace Law) announces that Judith Enck, current Regional Administrator for Region 2 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (EPA), will be the law school’s first Haub Visiting Scholar. Ms. Enck begins her position as a Visiting Scholar on February 1.

“We are so pleased to welcome Judith Enck to Pace Law as our inaugural Visiting Scholar,” said Dean David Yassky. “Her deep knowledge of policy making, government and environmental protection makes her an ideal candidate for the position. At Pace Law, we pride ourselves on being on the cutting edge of environmental legal education. The Visiting Scholar position is just one example of how we do this – by creating new opportunities for all of our students to see the connections between policy making and the law and the real-world application of the two.”

Ms. Enck has a long and distinguished career of public service and environmental protection. She has served as the EPA’s Region 2 Administrator for the past seven years. In this role, Ms. Enck’s responsibilities have been wide-ranging. In cooperation with state and regional authorities in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally recognized Indian Nations, she administers federal programs governing air and water pollution; industrial discharges; toxic substances; pesticides; protection of streams, lakes and the ocean; solid and hazardous wastes; the cleanup of chemical spills and abandoned hazardous waste sites; and much more. Ms. Enck is the longest serving Regional Administrator at EPA Region 2. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Enck served as Deputy Secretary for the Environment in the New York Governor’s Office. She also served as Policy Advisor in the New York Attorney General’s

Office, as Executive Director of Environmental Advocates in Albany and as Senior Environmental Associate at NY Public Interest Research Group.

“I am honored to serve as the first Haub Environmental Visiting Scholar at a law school that educates some of the best environmental lawyers in the country,” said Judith Enck. “Now more than ever, we need a new generation of lawyers who will stand up for environmental justice, clean air, clean water and fight climate change like our lives depend on it. Because it does.”

Pace Law’s environmental law program is widely recognized and ranked third in the nation by “US News & World Report.” As previously announced, funding for the Visiting Scholars position was made possible by a gift from the Haub family in recognition of the essential role of environmental science, informatics and other technology and allied fields towards formulating environmental policy and law.

In her role at Pace Law, Ms. Enck will collaborate with faculty, guest lecture classes and work closely with students in the Environmental Law program and others. Ms. Enck’s Visiting Scholar position will run through May of 2017.

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About Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Pace University’s Elisabeth Haub School of Law, (Pace Law) offers J.D. and Masters of Law degrees in both Environmental and International Law, as well as a series of joint degree programs including a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law. The school, housed on the University’s campus in White Plains, NY, opened its doors in 1976 and has over 8,000 alumni around the world. The school maintains a unique philosophy and approach to legal education that strikes an important balance between practice and theory. For more information visit <http://law.pace.edu>

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: A few more changes

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Certainly

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Wachter, Eric <Wachter.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: A few more changes

Eric can you get this letter to POTUS from me, ready for my signature?

(b) (5)



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From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: A few more changes

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Before we print this, what do you think?

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Instead of:

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How about:

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From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Wachter, Eric <Wachter.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: A few more changes

A few typos corrected in this version. Thanks

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Sincerely,

Gina

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Gina

Ferris, Lena

From: Zaidi, Ali A. EOP/OMB (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Thank you --

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Gina,

Thank you for your leadership and friendship. I could not be prouder of playing my small part to help advance your and the President's vision on clean air and clean water – on a more just and sustainable America.

My warmest regards,

Ali

(b) (6)

Ferris, Lena

From: Zaidi, Ali A. EOP/OMB (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Automatic reply: Thank you --

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Thank you for your message.

My post-Administration contact is: (b) (6)

My best regards, Ali

Ferris, Lena

From: Giles-AA, Cynthia
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; 'Cruden, John (ENRD)'; McCabe, Janet
Subject: Sammie nomination
Attachments: Sammie nomination FINAL 1-17-17.docx

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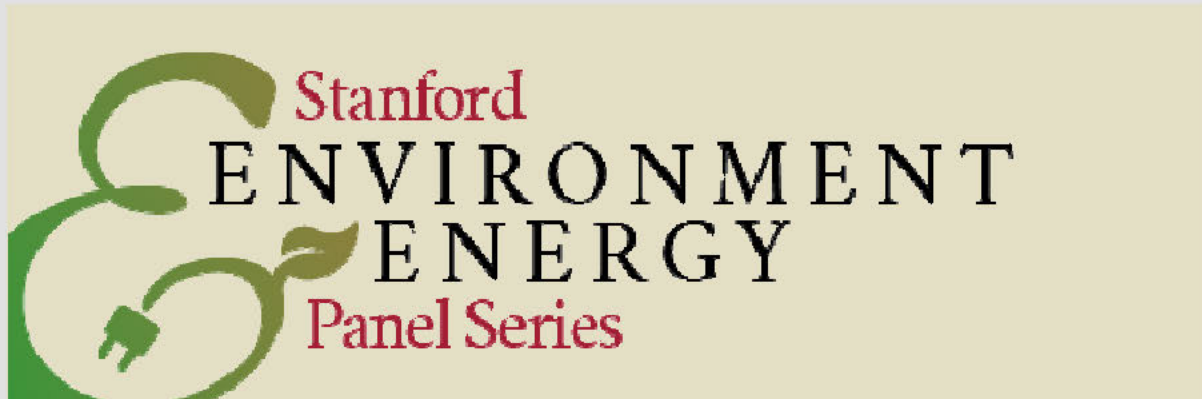
Attached is the written part of the Sammie nomination, submitted today. This is for your information in the event (as I think is likely) they call you. They have after government contact information (email and phone number) for each of you.

Thanks all for supporting this incredible team!

Ferris, Lena

From: Lea Rosenbohm <mollie.field=stanford.edu@mail17.us4.mcsv.net> on behalf of Lea Rosenbohm <mollie.field@stanford.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: January 30, Climate Adaptation and Building Resilience
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Climate Adaptation and Building Resilience

MONDAY January 30, 2017

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch Provided

The National Press Club – 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Register by January 26

Communities across the United States already are responding to the effects of a changing climate, ranging from drought in the west to rising seas in the coastal south. Policy-makers and officials from all levels of government will need tools for adapting to current challenges as well as the future changes we are likely to face. This event will examine environmentally sound and economically efficient ways to build and protect our communities. Panelists will

discuss where the most dramatic changes are predicted to occur in addition to research-based recommendations for making communities more resilient.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Marcia McNutt, President, National Academy of Sciences

PANEL

Noah Diffenbaugh, Professor in the School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences and Senior Fellow at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

Katharine Mach, Senior Research Scientist, Stanford School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences; Visiting Investigator, Carnegie Institution for Science

Carter Roberts, President and CEO, World Wildlife Fund in the United States

MODERATOR

Chris Field, Perry L. McCarty Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment; Senior Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy

DETAILS

As the United States transitions to a new administration, Stanford University's environmental and energy research institutes, the **Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment** and **Precourt Institute for Energy**, have convened a **series of panel sessions** to highlight pressing environmental and energy challenges the next president of the United States will need to confront. Check the **Stanford Environment & Energy Panel Series** homepage to view past sessions, videos and papers.

REGISTER

Please RSVP by January 26 for Climate Adaptation and Building Resilience.

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This event is sponsored by the **Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment** and the **Precourt Institute for Energy**, the hubs for interdisciplinary environment, sustainability and energy research at Stanford University.



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Ferris, Lena

From: Zients, Jeffrey D. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Sylvia Mathews Burwell; Julian Castro (JC@hud.gov); Maria Contreras-Sweet (mcs@sba.gov); Donovan, Shaun L. EOP/OMB; Furman, Jason L. EOP/CEA; Froman, Michael B. EOP/USTR; Secretary Anthony Foxx (SECDOT17@dot.gov); Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Johnson, Broderick D. EOP/WHO; Secretary Ernie Moniz (monizEJ@Hq.Doe.Gov); Tom Perez (perezte@dol.gov); Penny Pritzker - U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) (20SPP16@doc.gov)
Subject: Lunch Tomorrow
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All,

Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow. No agenda -- just an opportunity to reminisce and say thank you. As a reminder, we are meeting at 12:00pm at Tosca (1112 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004).

Looking forward to it,
JZ

Ferris, Lena

From: Brown, Stephanie N.
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Ali, Mustafa; Beauvais, Joel; Benenati, Frank; briefings; Burden, Susan; Distefano, Nichole; Emerson, Michael; Flynn, Mike; Fritz, Matthew; Harrison, Melissa; Hautamaki, Jared; Knapp, Kristien; Meiburg, Stan; Michaels, Andrew; Naples, Eileen; Pieh, Lusen; Ragland, Micah; Rupp, Mark; Threet, Derek; Vaught, Laura; Wachter, Eric
Subject: Daily Reading File: January 17, 2017
Attachments: Daily Reading File.1.17.2017.pdf
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Ferris, Lena

From: Cruden, John (ENRD) <John.Cruden@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Giles-AA, Cynthia; Adm13McCarthy, Gina; McCabe, Janet
Subject: RE: Sammie nomination

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You do superb work in record time. Thank you for taking the leading oar on this important award recommendation.

Warm regards

John

John C. Cruden
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Environment and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>; Cruden, John (ENRD) <JCruden@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>;
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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:22 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Re: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 for EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

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Just to remind you of cruden's thing is at 3.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2017, at 5:11 PM, Azoolin, Liel <Azoolin.Liel@epa.gov> wrote:

do not copy or forward this information

**Schedule for Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator
Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

Drivers	Shift Leaders	Staff Contact
(b) (6), (b) (7)(F)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(F)	Arian Herckis (b) (6)

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM Daily Check-in - Administrator's Office

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Executive Time: Do Not Schedule

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM Principals Lunch hosted by Jeff Zients

SCt: Liel Azoolin

Ct: Cory Pollard, 202-564-5677 (b) (6)

Invited Attendees:

Burwell
Castro
Contreras-Sweet
Donovan
Foxy
Froman
Furman
Johnson
Lew
McCarthy

Moniz
Perez
Pritzker
Vilsack
Zients

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Ferris, Lena

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 11:05 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: Farewell

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I can't tell whether Cindy sent you this, so just in case.

Also--of all things I've either misplaced or lost my personal cell phone so please use this one for now.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Huang, Cindy" <Huang.Cindy@epa.gov>

Date: January 17, 2017 at 6:26:27 PM EST

To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

Subject: Farewell

Reply-To: (b) (6) (b) (6)

Dear friends and colleagues,

Today is my last day at EPA. On Monday, I will be heading to HHS to begin a new job as an Emergency Management Specialist. As I begin this new journey, I want to thank you all for your encouragement and support in my path to protecting public health. OAR set a high standard as a great place to work and my experiences here have led me to challenging opportunities. Your hard work and passion motivates me to continue protecting human health and the environment. I am humbled and proud to work alongside all of you! I wish I had time to give a proper farewell to each of you because I am glad to have found a family in OAR.

Please stay in touch! I will not be far, so if you find yourself around the Capitol, let's meet up for coffee! ☺

Cindy

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From: Bulletin Intelligence <epa@bulletinintelligence.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:57 AM
To: epa@BulletinIntelligence.com
Subject: EPA Daily News Briefing for Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Attachments: epaNewsBriefing170118.doc

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EPA Daily News Briefing

Bulletin
INTELLIGENCE

TO: ADMINISTRATOR AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017 7:00 AM EST

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- As Oklahoma AG, Trump's EPA Nominee Opposed Chesapeake Bay Cleanup. (WP, GWIRE)
- Environmental Defense Fund Director Blasts Pruitt As Wrong Choice To Lead EPA. (FORBES)
 - Four Reasons Pruitt Is "Dangerous" Choice To Lead EPA. (HUFFPOST)
- Barrasso Plans "Wholesale Change" At EPA. (HILL)
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 - What Should Senators Ask Scott Pruitt, Trump's E.P.A. Nominee? (NYT)
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AIR

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 - EPA Tentatively Agrees To NO2, SO2 Review Deadlines. (GWIRE)

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- NCR Enters Consent Decree To Complete PCB Cleanup Of Fox River. (AP, MYAJC)
- EPA Says Nuclear Waste Could Slow Down Cleanup Of Westwood Property. (AMHSTTMS)
- Additional Reading.

- EPA Denies \$1 Billion-plus In Claims From Toxic Colorado Mine Spill. (REU)
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 - Scientists, Environmental Organizations Criticize Museum Trustee's Contributions To Climate Change Deniers. (NYT)
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ADMINISTRATOR

Pruitt Repeatedly Sued EPA, Sought Industry Funds To Do It.

[McClatchy](#) (1/17, Leavenworth) reports that EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt has sued the agency he has been nominated to lead "numerous times" as Oklahoma's Attorney General and "turned to the industries he would not regulate to raise the millions of dollars needed to finance those lawsuits." As Attorney General, Pruitt "directed two political action committees that took contributions from energy companies and other industries and then used them to further his

political agenda.” One PAC, the Rule of Law Defense Fund, “allowed industry supporters to make anonymous donations in unlimited amounts” and then “used some of that money to build support for Pruitt’s litigation agenda and elect other Republican attorney generals nationwide.” According to McClatchy, Pruitt is likely to be questioned about his “legal stance against the EPA and his fundraising interests” during his Senate confirmation hearing on Wednesday.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/17, Dennis) says Pruitt announced his candidacy for Oklahoma Attorney General in 2010 with a promise to “fight the federal government at every turn,” and, “He has, with gusto.” Pruitt has sued the agency he has been nominated to lead “again and again during the Obama administration, challenging the agency’s legal authority to regulate toxic mercury pollution, smog, carbon emissions from power plants and the quality of wetlands and other waters.” His efforts have “won him praise from fellow Republicans and the oil and gas firms that have helped fund his efforts, as well as from Trump,” but they have “horrified environmental advocates, who accuse Pruitt of being a climate-change denier and little more than an arm of the fossil fuel industry.” In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/17) argues that Pruitt favors a cooperative approach to enforcing regulations that will do more for the environment by making states partners instead of prosecuting them. [KOTV-TV](#) Tulsa, OK (1/17) also provides coverage of the Environmental Defense Fund’s report on Pruitt’s ties to industry “allegedly linked to more than a dozen lawsuits against the EPA.”

Pruitt Allies, Detractors Both Cite His Role In Oil Fraud Case. [E&E Publishing](#) (1/17) reports that supporters and allies of Scott Pruitt are “touting his involvement” in cases such as a \$3.8 million settlement with ConocoPhillips Co. for “double dipping” from a state cleanup fund as “evidence that he will stand up to oil companies.” One pro-Pruitt advocacy group “noted a similar case in which Pruitt sued BP PLC, seeking to counter Pruitt’s reputation as an ally of oil and gas companies.” However, attorneys for the former state employees originally involved in the case against ConocoPhillips have opposed this narrative, and claim that “Pruitt fought them harder than he did the oil company.” The [Oklahoman](#) (1/17, Monies) reports that Pruitt’s office has provided more details about the work performed by an Alabama law firm for his office in the lawsuit against Phillips 66, revealing that the firm received \$942,000 for its work, and that “two members of the firm were also minor donors to Pruitt’s statewide races in 2006 and 2010.”

Critics Point to Pruitt’s Conflicting Approaches To Oklahoma Utility Cases. [ClimateWire](#) (1/17, Storrow) reports that critics point to Scott Pruitt’s stance on two power company rate requests as evidence of his “cozy relationship with industry interests.” Three years ago, when Oklahoma Gas & Electric requested a \$1 billion rate the utility “found a ready ally in Republican Scott Pruitt,” whereas the attorney general “fiercely opposed” a \$130 million rate increase request from Public Service Company of Oklahoma. Detractors claim “the big difference in his stance: where PSO agreed to work with EPA on a transition away from coal, OG&E fought the agency and favored expensive pollution controls designed to keep its coal furnaces humming.”

Op-Ed: Pruitt’s Ties to Industry Disqualify Him From EPA Post. In an op-ed in [Newsweek](#), (1/17, McDermott) Jeff McDermott, the managing partner at Greentech Capital Advisors and a “registered Republican and frequent contributor to Republican candidates,” writes that “Republicans must refuse to confirm Scott Pruitt as director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because he is an instrument of the fossil fuel industry.” McDermott claims that as Oklahoma Attorney General, “Pruitt copied letters drafted by fossil fuel lobbyists and sent them to government officials on Oklahoma State Government letterhead,” and has “repeatedly put his ties with this industry above human health and safety.”

As Oklahoma AG, Trump’s EPA Nominee Opposed Chesapeake Bay Cleanup.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/16) reports that even though “Oklahoma is 1,400 miles from the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay,” that didn’t stop Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt from participating in an effort to block the EPA’s plan to clean the polluted bay. A spokesman for President-elect Trump’s transition team “said...Pruitt recently assured Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) that he supports the multistate approach to the bay restoration.” However, the spokesman later clarified that “Pruitt opposes any approach that would make the Chesapeake Bay a blueprint to clean watersheds elsewhere in the country.” [Greenwire](#) (1/17) provides additional coverage.

Environmental Defense Fund Director Blasts Pruitt As Wrong Choice To Lead EPA.

Writing in a guest post for [Forbes](#), (1/17) Diane Regas, Executive Director for the Environmental Defense Fund, blasts Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as the wrong choice to lead the EPA. She focuses mainly on the New York Times report claiming that “his campaign to roll back bedrock environmental safeguards has been orchestrated and bankrolled” by major polluters within the fossil fuel industry. She also says that Pruitt “hasn’t gotten the message” that “protecting the environment and public health is not at odds with a growing, prosperous economy,” and accuses him of not “car[ing] much for science.”

Four Reasons Pruitt Is “Dangerous” Choice To Lead EPA. [Huffington Post](#) (1/17, Mosbergen) contributor Dominique Mosbergen lists “four reasons why Pruitt has been called a ‘dangerous’ choice to lead the EPA.” Mosbergen claims Pruitt “has threatened to undermine protections for air and water” by suing the EPA on multiple occasions regarding air pollution rules. He cites Pruitt’s own comments that the EPA “was never intended to be our nation’s foremost environmental regulator” and his position as a climate change denier as disqualifying. Finally, accusations that Pruitt is a “close ally of the fossil fuel industry” round out the list.

Barrasso Plans “Wholesale Change” At EPA.

[The Hill](#) (1/17, Cama) reports Sen. John Barrasso, the new chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, is planning a “wholesale change” of the EPA. Barrasso said he looks forward to doing so “alongside a committed and capable administrator” in Scott Pruitt whom the panel will consider confirming. Barrasso applauded Pruitt’s work against Obama’s EPA, saying he “stood up for Oklahomans against the EPA’s extreme regulations on greenhouse gasses, methane emissions, and cross state air pollution,” and challenging “unworkable” water rules.

Rep. Smith Says Pruitt Will Usher In “New Era Of Leadership” At EPA. In an op-ed in [The Hill](#) (1/17, Smith) Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas), the chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Committee, voices his support for the nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to lead the EPA, stating that Pruitt “sees the truth that the current administration has devotedly ignored: the EPA was never intended to be an advocate of extreme environmental regulations.” Rep. Smith says that with Pruitt, “a new era of leadership will put the EPA back on track.”

Sen. Grassley Says Pruitt Okay After Affirming Support For Ethanol. [Brownfield Ag News](#) (1/17) reports that Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley said that he is “less concerned about Pruitt” since they met earlier this month to discuss his policy stances. “One thing that would have kept me from voting for Pruitt would be on ethanol,” said Sen. Grassley, noting that the nominee “assured him that he would enforce the Renewable Fuels Standard as Congress intended.”

Additional Reading.

- ***What Should Senators Ask Scott Pruitt, Trump’s E.P.A. Nominee?*** [New York Times](#). (1/17, Schlossberg)

- ***Greens Expand Ad Campaign Against Trump EPA Pick.*** [The Hill](#). (1/17, Henry)

AIR

Judge Praised For Delivering EPA Rebuke.

An editorial in the [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#) (1/17) praises the ruling by U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey of West Virginia requiring the EPA to monitor the economic effects stipulated by the Clean Air Act, "specifically regarding job losses at coal mines and power plants." After EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said that such an analysis could take up to two years to complete, the Review states that Judge Bailey "delivered a long-overdue smack," asserting that "It is time for the EPA to recognize that Congress makes the law, and the EPA must not only enforce the law; it must obey it."

Additional Reading.

- ***EPA Tentatively Agrees To NO2, SO2 Review Deadlines.*** [Greenwire](#). (1/18)

BROWNFIELDS/SUPERFUND/OTHER CLEANUPS

Shieldalloy Agrees To Remove Radioactive Slag From EPA Superfund Site.

The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (1/16, O'Reilly) reported that by the time Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp. "closed its doors 10 years ago, the 67-acre property along Southwest Boulevard" in Newfield Borough "was a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site, where pumps still work 24 hours a day pulling chromium and other compounds to the surface." But under a new agreement, "things might be turning around for the notorious site, which Newfield officials hope might once again be put to good use." In November, the EPA "announced a \$5.6 million agreement with Shieldalloy to treat contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater at the site." And last week, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection "announced that Shieldalloy would cart away all 44,000 tons of its radioactive slag and dust."

The [Gloucester County \(NJ\) Times](#) (1/13, Gray) reported that the "slag and 'bag dust' will be transported by rail to a low-level radioactive waste disposal site out of state" and Shieldalloy will cover the costs of the project. The "slag and baghouse dust at Shieldalloy are byproducts of the processes used to produce specialty metals." The material is "classified as Class A low-level radioactive waste, explained DEP spokesman Larry Hajna. Class A is the least radioactive of four low-level radioactive waste categories."

NCR Enters Consent Decree To Complete PCB Cleanup Of Fox River.

The [AP](#) (1/17) reports that NCR Corporation has entered a "consent decree" to complete the final phase of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) removal from bottom sediment of the Fox River, according to the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency. In a news release the agencies said NCR has performed much of the dredging under protest and that the work to be completed by 2018 could cost up to \$200 million. According to the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/17), Assistant Attorney General John C. Cruden of the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division said in the release, "After years of hard fought litigation, this settlement requires NCR to take full responsibility for completing this important cleanup effort. Lawsuits and settlements like this vindicate the principle that polluters should pay the cost of Superfund cleanups, rather than the taxpayers." NCR General Counsel

Edward Gallagher reportedly responded, "NCR is pleased with the successful resolution of this matter."

EPA Says Nuclear Waste Could Slow Down Cleanup Of Westwood Property.

The [Amherst \(NY\) Times](#) (1/16) reports that the EPA wants to conduct ground testing at more than 2000 different areas near the Westwood Country Club to detect the "areas where the atomic waste is supposedly leaking." The EPA said the cleanup effort could take up to two years, and even longer "if the area is sour land because of the radioactive waste."

Additional Reading.

- ***EPA Denies \$1 Billion-plus In Claims From Toxic Colorado Mine Spill.*** [Reuters](#). (1/17, Coffman)
- ***Dems Fuming Over EPA's Decision Not To Compensate Mine Spill Victims.*** [Daily Caller](#) (1/17, Bastasch).

CLIMATE CHANGE

NYTimes Analysis: State Leaders' Climate Policies Insufficient To Achieve US Decarbonization Goals.

The [New York Times](#) (1/17, Porter) reports state climate policies are crucial to the US' decarbonization efforts; however, even California, which "has been at the forefront of climate policy for decades," has failed to implement the fuel economy and emissions standards necessary to further these efforts. Drought has unavoidably and drastically reduced hydroelectric power supply, but the state's decision to close the San Onofre nuclear plant in 2012 opened a void met by natural gas. Meanwhile, state lawmakers across America have not aggressively pushed nuclear energy and have closed a number of nuclear plants, widening the energy demand void that only fossil fuels can feasibly fill. Without nuclear energy advocacy on behalf of state leaders, the Times writes, the fight against climate change "will be hard to stop."

Scientists, Environmental Organizations Criticize Museum Trustee's Contributions To Climate Change Deniers. The [New York Times](#) (1/17, Pogrebin) profiles Rebekah Mercer, a trustee and "important donor" to the American Museum of Natural History and "influential member" of President-elect Trump's transition team. The Mercer Family Foundation has contributed nearly \$8 million to organizations that question climate change. Because museums typically do not vet their donors and trustees on personal, political, or ideological issues and because Mercer has only recently emerged as a high-profile Republican Party player, the Times says, "it's likely that the museum's trustees were unaware of her philanthropic history" when Mercer joined in 2013. The president of the museum, Ellev V. Futter, did not comment on whether the board had called for Mercer to step down or why she joined in the first place, although a number of scientists and environmental groups have denounced her involvement with the museum on grounds that her efforts conflict with the institution's mission.

Poll Finds Americans Want EPA To Remain Strong Regulator Under Trump.

[Reuters](#) (1/17, Kahn) reports that more than 60 percent of Americans would like for the "powers" of the EPA to be "preserved or strengthened under incoming President Donald Trump, and the drilling of oil on public lands to hold steady or drop, according to a Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll released on Tuesday." The findings of the poll "could foretell stronger-than-expected public opposition to Trump's plans to boost energy development by slashing environmental regulations."

State Department Gives \$500M To UN Green Climate Fund.

[Reuters](#) (1/17) reports the State Department said on Tuesday the US made a “long-planned” \$500 million grant to the Green Climate Fund. [Bloomberg News](#) (1/17, Ryan) reports the US contribution to the fund is now \$1 billion of a pledged \$3 billion over four year, but notes that President-elect “Trump has vowed to cancel future payments to the fund and redirect them toward projects in the US.” The [Washington Post](#) (1/17, Mooney) reports State Department spokesman John Kirby said, “The Green Climate Fund is a critical tool that helps catalyze billions of dollars in public and private investment in countries dealing not only with the challenges of climate change, but the immense economic opportunities that are embedded in the transition to a lower carbon economy.” The move, so close to the inauguration “is likely to spark controversy,” as the GOP has “been heavily critical of this spending,” and Trump has vowed to cease payments to UN global warming programs. Kirby said the investment “had been long-planned. I don’t – I don’t believe there was any nefarious desire or intent to do it just two days before [the inauguration].”

The [AP](#) (1/17, Lee) reports Kirby said the Administration’s commitment to the fund “is entirely in keeping with the work that we’ve been doing across the interagency to try to look for ways to stem the effects of climate change, and this fund helps other economies, other countries develop their own initiatives and help them deal with this.” [Politico](#) (1/17, Wolff) reports the money came from the fiscal year 2016 Economic Support Fund appropriation.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/17, Harder), the [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/17, Megerian), and [The Hill](#) (1/17, Henry) also report.

ENERGY

Flaring Rules Take Effect Before Lawsuit Moves Ahead.

The [AP](#) (1/17) reports US District Judge Scott Skavdahl ruled that federal rules curtailing the practice of flaring off excess natural gas from wells on federal land will take effect before a lawsuit challenging them moves ahead. He said that he could not immediately conclude that the Interior Department overstepped its authority with the rules, and that certain provisions do not come into full effect for a year anyway. That means the lawsuit contesting the rules filed by a coalition of states and energy interests will have plenty of time to be resolved. Environmentalists praised the decision saying the government can begin collecting royalties on gas currently being flared. The [Denver Post](#) (1/17) reports Western Energy Alliance President Kathleen Sgamma said, “It’s difficult to get a preliminary injunction, and while we’re disappointed the judge was not willing to stop the rule now, we feel that our chances are very good once the full merits of the case are heard. ... There were several statements in his ruling that show he’s extremely skeptical of BLM’s authority to regulate air quality. We’ll be driving those points forward in more detail in our brief due in March.” Skavdahl wrote in his opinion that “at this point, the Court cannot conclude that the provisions of the Rule which overlap with EPA/state air quality regulations promulgated under CAA (Clean Air Act) authority lack a legitimate, independent waste prevention purpose or are otherwise so inconsistent with the CAA as to exceed BLM’s authority and usurp that of the EPA, states, and tribes.”

EPA Challenges FERC On Environmental Review Of Contentious Pipeline.

[E&E Publishing](#) (1/17) reports on an “interagency rift” between the EPA and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission “over the depth of climate reviews for proposed gas pipelines.” On Thursday FERC commissioner will vote on whether to approve TransCanada’s proposed \$1.4 billion

Leach XPress natural gas pipeline, which would travel between southeast Ohio and West Virginia's northern panhandle. EPA has previously said FERC's analysis of the pipeline was "insufficient" in how it addressed climate change, and instead "suggested further analysis of alternative routes, environmental protections and environmental justice, as well as a deeper analysis of potential greenhouse gas emissions."

North Dakota Challenging Settlement Between Environmentalists, EPA.

[E&E Publishing](#) (1/17) reports North Dakota filed a notice of appeal challenging a December legal settlement that requires the EPA to consider revising standards for industry waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. EPA had made the consideration as part of a legal settlement between the agency and a coalition of environmentalists who have been pushing for updated regulations for years. The coalition, including the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Environmental Integrity Project have urged the UPA to lift drillers' exemption from RCRA's hazardous waste rules. North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem is asking the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review the court's approval of the settlement.

INTERNATIONAL

Additional Reading.

- *Emissions Cheating Goes Global: France And Britain Also Investigating Automakers.* [Christian Science Monitor](#). (1/17)

OTHER NEWS

Zinke Stresses Need For Conservation, Says Climate Change Is Real.

[Reuters](#) (1/17, Volcovici) reports that Interior Secretary-designate Ryan Zinke told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Tuesday that he "would consider an expansion of energy drilling and mining on federal lands but would ensure sensitive areas remain protected." Zinke said, "I can guarantee you it is better to produce energy domestically under reasonable regulation than overseas with no regulation." However, he said that he "was committed to protecting sensitive wildlife habitats and to keeping federal lands under federal control to ensure they are preserved for future generations, so 'my granddaughter's children can look back and say that we did it right.'"

[Politico](#) (1/17, Wolff, Whieldon) reports Zinke cited Teddy Roosevelt and "Sierra Club founder John Muir and early-1900s Forest Service chief Gifford Pinchot as role models for his approach to conservation," while also calling for an "all of the above" energy policy. Zinke committed to Sen. Lisa Murkowski that he would review every regulation that "takes lands and waters off Alaska" out of oil and gas development. The [New York Times](#) (1/17, Huetteman) says Zinke "pitched himself...as a serious steward of federal resources" during his confirmation hearing, "frequently bucking conservative orthodoxy on ownership of public lands, federal funding for preservation and even, briefly, climate change." But he also "emphasized his support for drilling, mining and logging on federal lands, activities strongly opposed by many environmental groups." Zinke "broke with" President-elect Trump "and even his own past statements on climate change," saying that it "was 'indisputable' that the climate is changing and that humans are having an effect on it." [The Hill](#) (1/17, Henry) reports Zinke said climate change isn't a "hoax." Zinke added, "I think where there's debate is what that influence is, what we can do about it. ... I'm not a climate science expert, but I will become much more familiar with it and it will be based on objective science." The

[Washington Post](#) (1/17, Mooney, Erickson) says that Zinke's answer to the question "seems consistent with how other Trump nominees have addressed this tough question."

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/17, Cohen) reports Zinke indicated that climate change "is visible at Glacier National Park, recalling that he could see a glacier receding over lunch with his family while they were at the park one day."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/17, O'Keefe, Fears) reports that Zinke also said "that completing billions of dollars in backlogged projects at national parks should be a major part of the new president's plans to revamp aging roads, bridges and transportation hubs." The [Washington Times](#) (1/17, Wolfgang) also reports on the hearing, focusing mainly on the climate change issue. The [AP](#) (1/17, Daly) reports Zinke is "likely to win Senate confirmation."

Former New Jersey Governors Urge Next To Prioritize Environment.

The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (1/17, Hanna) reports that former New Jersey Govs. Jim Florio and Christie Whitman joined environmental advocates Tuesday in launching a campaign to press New Jersey's next governor to make the environment a priority. Whitman said she was "very troubled" by Trump's attitude toward the EPA and hoped to spur action, saying, "Our governor is the most powerful of the 50 states" and "has the ability to make deep and long-lasting differences." Without mentioning Gov. Chris Christie, Florio "faulted the administration's replacement of pipeline foes on the Pinelands Commission and the lack of progress on offshore wind."

Perry Confirmation Hearing To Take Place This Thursday.

This week several of President-elect Trump's cabinet choices are set to testify before Senate confirmation hearings, including Trump's choice to run the Department of Energy, former Texas governor Rick Perry. The [New York Times](#) (1/17, Huetteman) reports Perry "will be asked to defend a department he once vowed to eliminate as a presidential candidate." He is slated to testify on Thursday. The choice of Perry, "to lead the agency charged with managing the nation's nuclear arsenal and thwarting proliferation elsewhere, has raised questions among Democrats about his fitness for the job." The outgoing energy secretary, Ernest Moniz, "is a nuclear scientist who was part of the negotiating team on the Iran nuclear deal." [USA Today](#) (1/17, Kelly) also notes that Perry has in the past "advocated" for the abolition of the Energy Department.

[The Hill](#) (1/17, Henry) reports Democrats are expected to "prod" Perry "on the agency's climate change and clean energy agenda, both of which expanded under Obama, as well as a Trump team questionnaire, revealed in December, seeking names of employees involved in climate work." On its website [NBC News](#) (1/17) reports Perry's "financial ties to the oil and gas industry and efforts to expand oil and gas production during his time as governor of Texas are certain to draw pointed questions from Democrats," but he has received praise "from some environmentalists for also promoting renewable energy production as governor of Texas."

The "Floor Action" blog of [The Hill](#) (1/17, Carney) reports Perry's hearing will take place the same day as Steve Mnuchin, Trump's choice for Treasury secretary. A piece by [TIME](#) (1/17, Alter, Beckwith) highlights Perry's, and other Cabinet nominees, corporate connections as well as the donations made to his political campaigns.

Senators May Press Perry On "Oops" Moment. [E&E Publishing](#) (1/17) reports senators may throw a few "jabs" at Perry over "his now infamous DOE 'oops' moment during a presidential debate in Detroit in the summer of 2011, in which he said he wanted to eliminate three agencies, including DOE — except that he couldn't remember the department's name at the time." But "insiders" around Perry "say it's time to move past that public gaffe."

[ClimateWire](#) (1/17, Irfan) reports that several Texas watchdogs have expressed concerns about jobs programs launched by Perry as governor and questions about poor management and accounting. Tom Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen, said, "The critiques have often been that the programs operated without clear goals that enable their outcomes to be measured. ... [Perry's] policies in Texas were frequently criticized for being donor-driven or benefiting his cronies." Smith has "been discussing this with some of the Democrats on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee ahead of Perry's confirmation hearing."

Additional Reading.

- *EPA: Top Spokesman Says Goodbye.* [E&E Publishing.](#) (1/18)

PESTICIDES

EPA To Decide On Chlorpyrifos Ban By March 31.

[Greenwire](#) (1/18, Heller) reports that the public comment period regarding the EPA's proposed ban on the pesticide chlorpyrifos ends today, "and a federal court has told EPA to reach a final decision by March 31." The Natural Resources Defense Council claims that relatively small amounts of the pesticide early in life can lead to learning disabilities. Despite NRDC's claims that "scientists at the EPA see this is a huge public health threat," some groups are concerned that the EPA won't enact the ban once President-elect Trump takes office.

Additional Reading.

- *Schools In Lindsay, San Joaquin Added To California's Pesticide Monitoring List.* [Fresno \(CA\) Bee.](#) (1/17)
- *The EPA Backing Off These Pesticide Restrictions For Bees Sake.* [USA Today.](#) (1/17)

RULES/REGULATIONS/POLICY

Foreign Emissions Rules Could Help Maintain New EPA Regulations.

The [Car Connection](#) (1/17, Read) reports the Environmental Protection Agency "stunned many observers" on Friday by finalizing emissions standards for new cars through 2025, with environmental groups praising the ruling and automakers criticizing the move. However, "the real question on everyone's mind...is whether the incoming Trump administration can undo the EPA's ruling." While the feasibility of such a move is uncertain, the article points out that "other countries could force automakers to make vehicles cleaner, even if the EPA decision falls apart." When foreign markets "demand that cars sold there meet strict emissions rules, the technology underpinning those vehicles often gets spread around," and "automakers will have to meet those benchmarks."

[Green Car Reports](#) (1/17, Voelcker) reports that under the Trump administration, it's possible that "the EPA's vehicle emission limits, the NHTSA's fuel-economy rules, and various other regulations...could well be suspended, rolled back, or eliminated," but argues "there is risk for US automakers in particular if that happens" because "the rest of the world...has no intention of rolling back its own emission limits." A slackening of US standards would "run the risk of moving a US market that's already less important than it was 20 years ago even further from the global mainstream."

TOXICS/TSCA

EPA Proposes Rules To Regulate Chemicals In Commerce.

[Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/18) reports that the EPA has proposed three rules as mandated by the Toxic Substances Control Act that would establish the “first-ever, comprehensive regulatory strategy to evaluate—and regulate, if needed—chemicals in commerce.” Jim Jones, the EPA assistant administrator for chemical safety and pollution prevention touted the rules, stating, “After 40 years, we can finally address chemicals currently in the marketplace.”

WATER

Officials Say Drinking Water Safe Despite Complaints About Taste, Odor.

The [AP](#) (1/17) reports that the Great Lakes Water Authority has confirmed that the water is safe to drink in suburban Detroit communities after recent complaints about the water’s taste and odor.

House Democrats Renew Subpoena Request For Gov. Snyder’s Flint Records.

The [Detroit News](#) (1/17, Lynch) reports Democrats on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform are “asking again for the Republican-led panel to continue its work” investigating the Flint water crisis, “with a renewed focus on Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and three emergency financial managers he appointed.” In a letter sent to Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) on Tuesday, committee Democrats “asked again that the committee chairman seek ‘key documents (Snyder) has been withholding from the Committee for the past year, including evidence relating to his destruction of emails.’”

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SCt: Liel Azoolin

Ct: Cory Pollard, 202-564-5677, (b) (6)

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Ferris, Lena

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Re: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 for EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy

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I am planning to. Do you want to go too? I could meet you in your office if you want to go together. (I have to come in anyway because Kristien knapp saved my ass once again by finding my personal cell phone which fell out of my pocket when I was sitting next to her at the bar last night.)

You should probably let them know at DOJ if you are going. I can send you the person who was taking rsyps.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2017, at 7:54 AM, Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov> wrote:

Are you going?

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 18, 2017, at 7:48 AM, McCabe, Janet <McCabe.Janet@epa.gov> wrote:

It's his goodbye party. In the DOJ Great Hall

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2017, at 7:36 AM, Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov> wrote:

Can you remind me again what is his thing?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2017, at 8:22 PM, McCabe, Janet <McCabe.Janet@epa.gov> wrote:

Just to remind you of cruden's thing is at 3.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2017, at 5:11 PM, Azoolin, Liel
<Azoolin.Liel@epa.gov> wrote:

***do not copy or forward this
information***

**Schedule for Gina McCarthy, EPA
Administrator**

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To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: Farewell for John Cruden...
Attachments: ENRD AAG-PDAAG-DAAG Farewell (1-18-2017).pdf; ATT00001.htm

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To: "dbuente@sidley.com" <dbuente@sidley.com>, "Joel.Gross@apks.com" <Joel.Gross@apks.com>, "kushner.adam@epa.gov" <kushner.adam@epa.gov>, "brooks.phillip@epa.gov" <brooks.phillip@epa.gov>, "smith.walker@epa.gov" <smith.walker@epa.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (6), "msmilius@starpower.net" <msmilius@starpower.net>, "jisimon@oceana.org" <jisimon@oceana.org>, "rtenpas@morganlewis.com" <rtenpas@morganlewis.com>, (b) (6), (b) (6), "jrubin@hunton.com" <jrubin@hunton.com>, "mccabe.janet@epa.gov" <mccabe.janet@epa.gov>, "Garbow, Avi" <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>, 'Cynthia Giles' <giles-aa.cvnthia@epa.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (6), "mnstrand@venable.com" <mnstrand@venable.com>, "DElliott@cov.com" <DElliott@cov.com>, "GGuzy@cov.com" <GGuzy@cov.com>, "bwilson@bdlaw.com" <bwilson@bdlaw.com>, "James.Lofton@faa.gov" <James.Lofton@faa.gov>, "GNakayama@KSLAW.com" <GNakayama@KSLAW.com>, (b) (6), "mccabe.catherine@epa.gov" <mccabe.catherine@epa.gov>, "meiburg.stan@epa.gov" <meiburg.stan@epa.gov>, "Cindy.chang@pepsico.com" <Cindy.chang@pepsico.com>, "tony.west@pepsico.com" <tony.west@pepsico.com>, "tperrelli@jenner.com" <tperrelli@jenner.com>, "Shenkman.Ethan@epa.gov" <Shenkman.Ethan@epa.gov>
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From: Regina McCarthy (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: For me.

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Begin forwarded message:

Course Dates: March – May, 2017

Session 1: Week of March 20th Environmental Protection is a Public Health Issue
Session 2: Week of March 27th Science is Important and Needs to be Protected
Session 3: Week of April 3rd Climate Denial, the Biggest Global Health Threat
Session 4: Week of April 10th Clean Air
Session 5: Week of April 17th Water
Session 6: Week of April 24th Waste
Session 7: Week of May 1st International Perspectives
Session 8: Week of May 8th Wrap-Up and Conclusions

Class Time: 3:30-5:20pm, Tuesdays (?)

Classroom: TBD

Credits: 1.25

About the Instructor: Gina McCarthy, M.S.

Ms. McCarthy is currently a Menschel Senior Leadership Fellow at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She was Former Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; Former Assistant Administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Former Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; Former Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commonwealth Development; Former Undersecretary for Policy and Director of Strategic Envirotechnology Partnership of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. She has had over twenty five years of experience working with environmental issues.

Instructor Office Hours: By appointment

Teaching Assistant (TA): Augusta Williams, M.P.H.; ScD Student in Environmental Health

TA Office Hours: TBD

Course Description:

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand, analyze, and interpret scientific information to effectively address environmental and public health problems and consider solutions.
2. Delineate the different roles of governing officials and advocates in protecting the environment and public health.
3. Evaluate and assess recent environmental health policies.

Grading Criteria:

Class Participation (15%)

Assignment 1 – (%)

Need to think about what these assignments will be – Memos? Papers? Presentations? Group vs. individual work?

Assignment 2 – (%)

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Course Outline and Session Description

Session 1: Week of March 20th - Environmental Protection is a Public Health Issue

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a public health agency. By protecting air, water, and land, the EPA focuses on the primary prevention of environmental exposures to ensure health and wellbeing for all. Policies are implemented to maximize direct and indirect health benefits and to articulate the importance of natural resources. This session will focus the discussion on science and how it is imperative in creating policies and how it should be protected to ensure environmental protection.

Readings:

1. X

2. Y
3. Z

Session 2: Week of March 27th – Science is Important and Needs to be Protected at All Costs

Scientific issues should not be politicized, yet today many environmental issues have become partisan matters. In this session, we will discuss the challenges facing science today and what the future of science will look like, and reveal show how scientific research, like that completed here at Harvard University, is critical in shaping policy decisions related to climate, air, water, and waste.

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 3: Week of April 3rd – Climate Denial, the Biggest Global Health Threat

This session will focus on climate change, and how it has been deemed the biggest public health risk facing our world today. Despite the science being clear, climate change denial has become a dangerous threat to the safety of our environments and our populations across the globe.

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 4: Week of April 10th – Clean Air

Greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, have been shown to be harmful to human health. Fossil-fuel driven power plants make up a third of United States greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing these emissions will be critical in meeting climate goals and lessening public health impacts. In order to accomplish such a monumental task, the suggested policies must appeal to all levels of government, as well as a variety of economic sectors. This session will include an in-depth discussion of the development of the Clean Power Plan.

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 5: Week of April 17th - Water

Clean drinking water is a fundamental human right and vital for ensuring good health. Today, the water infrastructure in the United States is aged and facing challenges that threaten human health. As more communities face these issues

every year, it is imperative to utilize science and innovation to find solutions. An in-depth discussion of Flint, Michigan (a case study) will occur.

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 6: Week of April 24th – Waste / Consumer Products / Environmental Justice

Description

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 7: Week of May 1st – International Perspectives

Discussion of the environmental issues within the larger context of international settings will provide a more holistic framework and comprehensive perspective to this course discussion. The United States is currently a leader in environmental protection and climate mitigation and adaptation. However, there is a need to consider what would happen if the United States chooses not to lead the rest of the world towards a less-carbon intensive future.

Tribal communities? Cookstoves?

Readings:

1. X
2. Y
3. Z

Session 8: Week of May 8th – Wrap-Up and Conclusions

During this final session, students will..... We will also review the key messages of the course, reviewing the learning objectives that were laid out in Session 1.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Re: Farewell for John Cruden...

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Ok. Enough already.

I may poke my head in when I come to get my phone from Kristien.

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I think I'll pass on this one.

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Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Thank You

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From: Christopher James (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:46 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Thank You

Hi Gina-

Ken kindly forwarded your warm words about RAP and me. It made my day!

Echoing Ken's remarks, the work you led is transformational. Who'd've thunk that solar and wind today would be cost competitive with natural gas and coal, and that due to the rapid growth in electric cars, that our children are today thinking about "transportation services" rather than automatically following in their parents footsteps of car ownership.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership, spunk and being able to continue to have a wicked sense of humor. Please do let us know how we can stay in touch. Know that you always have two places to stay with us in Washington (Tacoma, and, where I'm writing from now, Winthrop), and that there are friends in both places who will buy you a well deserved beer or Jamieson's :)

This month finds me also in transition mode, to focus on China, and to shift the balance towards fun after five turns around the Zodiac.

Peace,

Chris

From: Regina McCarthy (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: For me

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- > Leadership in environmental protection and public health: choosing science, the law, smart policy and engagement over political rhetoric.
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- > Overall Goals: I want the students to know that:
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- > EPA is a public health agency - delivering primary prevention by reducing exposure to pollutants
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- > Science and data are key to identifying, assessing and prioritizing public health risks and potential remedies.
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- > Communication, education, outreach and public engagement make progress possible
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- > There are many tools in our toolbox to allow everyone to drive public health protections
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- > EPA is the gold standard of environmental protection in the world.
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- > Session 1 - Environmental protection is public health protection. This session will be an overview of environmental health impacts, the roll of science in defining priorities and identifying solutions, and the current threats to our environment, public health and to science itself.
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- > Each of the next six sessions will go into a specific public health priority, talk about the science and the facts, identify key actions, examine one or two specific actions taken in detail to examine the importance of messaging the science, outreach and engagement strategies, keys players who push for progress and key players who push against, tools available to make progress, and what people - including the students - can do to mke progress moving forward.
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- > Second session - Climate Change
- > Discuss local, state, regional, and EPA's actions using science and the law, as well as broad public engagement and a variety of tools to inform and engage. (State and Local actions: climate action plans, RGGI, CA, Climate a Registry, CA AB 32; congressional bills too advance Cap and Trade; EPA engagement including MA v EPA, Energy Star, US science, support to states on tracking and modeling, EPA's Endangerment Finding, identifying and messaging public health impacts of climate change, ongoing efforts to engage broad constituency on Climate as a moral obligation, public health, national security, economic risk and climate actions as economic and job opportunity; investments in clean energy, shifts in US energy markets, overview of the President's Climate Action Plan, and an examination of in some detail EPA's Light Duty Vehicle Rules and Clean Power Plan with a focus on political, policy and economic context, legal challenges, current status and potential for rollbacks, as well as opportunities at state, local, institutional and individual levels to engage.
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- > Third Session - Clean Air (NAAQS, MATS, CSAPR and Methane; ozone advance program, the science - in particular six cities, and secret science)
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- > Forth Session - Water (Clean Water Rule, Drinking Water Action Plan, lead and PFOS)
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> Fifth Session - Chemical Safety and Pesticides - pollinators, glyphosate, chemical data transparency, computational toxicology, chlorpyrophos, glyphosate, new Lautenberg Bill, Safer Choice Program.

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> Sixth Session - EJ and Tribal challenges (EJ 2020; Tribal treaty Rights, MVD)

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> Seventh Session - International - (Paris, Montreal Protocols, HFCs, Minamata; IMOs) as well as embassy air monitors, trips to various countries, WHO, cook stoves and EPA as gold standard.

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From: Wachter, Eric
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To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Gonna miss you, Gina

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From: DiCesare, Marie
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Gonna miss you, Gina

You are the best !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Good luck, good health in whatever the future holds for you - - - and come on back to New England !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marie DiCesare - - Region 1

From: This Week @ EPA
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:53 PM
To: This Week @ EPA <epanews@epa.gov>
Subject: This Week @ EPA - Jan. 17, 2017



January 17, 2017

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The Office of Internal Communications thanks everyone who submitted winter photos for our consideration. We received more than 70 images of them in our winter issues. If you missed the opportunity to submit a winter image, be on the lookout in March for our call for spring images.

Senior Leadership Message



Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of my time as your Administrator, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside you at EPA. Thanks to your hard work, the Agency has made significant progress in realizing our mission to protect human health and the environment—an accomplishment list way too long to cover.

As I told the President in our [Agency exit memo](#), I am proud to have run my leg of the race with steadfast vigor for our country and stronger EPA.

Thank you for your support and your unwavering commitment to science and the law.

Sincerely,

Gina
Gina McCarthy

Visit the [EPA Transition site](#) to keep up to date on planning for the Presidential transition.

Hot Topics

Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg announces new EPA exhibit

Last January, the Administrator had the opportunity to visit an environmental exhibit in Japan that included among other things Japanese dealt with the issue of mercury poisoning. When she returned home, she talked with us about EPA having a place a public learn about the many ways we have helped to improve public health and the environment.

Today, I am very pleased to announce the opening of the new exhibit in the Ronald Reagan Building, "The Story of the Environment: Protecting Public Health and the Environment." The exhibit takes you through the history of environmental protection in America. EPA protects public health and the environment by safeguarding the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land on which

It brings to life the many ways the EPA studies public health and environmental issues, sets national standards, responds to natural disasters and enforces environmental laws. With historical artifacts, imagery and videos, visitors will discover how environmental protection has helped America's health, prosperity and innovation.

We were very fortunate to work with the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibits Group, who designed, manufactured and installed the exhibit. The General Services Administration and OARM's Office of Administration, who helped to re-purpose the exhibit space. I want to thank Joanne Amorosi of OARM for her tireless leadership and energy in bringing the exhibit across the finish line, as we officially closed the afternoon.

The exhibit occupies space on the Mezzanine Level of the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) (M112) that previously housed the Environmental Protection Agency. Approximately 25 to 35 visitors can visit the space at any one time.

I hope you will take time to visit the exhibit and enjoy learning about the proud 46-year history of the EPA, our many accomplishments in protecting public health and the environment over those years, and the ongoing work throughout the agency. I also hope you will encourage your professional associates to visit the exhibit when they are in Washington, D.C.

The self-guided exhibit will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed, on federal holidays). It is free and no ID/security screening is required for RRB access. In February, we will more broadly promote its opening to the many visitors and employees of the RRB.

For further information, visit www.epa.gov/exhibit (webpage will go live Jan. 23).

Updates on automakers' Clean Air Act violations

EPA Notifies Fiat Chrysler of Clean Air Act Violations

On Jan. 12, EPA issued a notice of violation to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and FCA US LLC (collectively FCA) for alleged

Act for installing and failing to disclose engine management software in light-duty model year 2014, 2015, and 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram 1500 trucks with 3.0 liter diesel engines sold in the United States. The undisclosed software results in increased emissions from the vehicles. The allegations cover roughly 104,000 vehicles. EPA is working in coordination with the California Air Resources Board. EPA also issued a notice of violation to FCA. EPA and CARB have both initiated investigations based on FCA's alleged actions. [Learn more](#)

Volkswagen Agrees to Plead Guilty

On Jan. 11, Administrator Gina McCarthy joined U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch at a press conference at the U.S. Department of Justice to announce that Volkswagen AG (VW) has agreed to plead guilty to three criminal felony counts and pay a \$2.8 billion criminal penalty for its company's long-running scheme to sell approximately 590,000 diesel vehicles in the United States by using a defeat device to circumvent emissions mandated by the EPA and the CARB, and by lying and obstructing justice to further the scheme. [Learn more.](#)

2016 Annual Environmental Enforcement Results

EPA recently announced its 2016 annual enforcement and compliance results, highlighted by a series of high-impact cases that

environmental and public health benefits to communities across the country. During fiscal 2016, which spanned Oct. 1, 2015 – enforcement actions secured \$13.7 billion in investments by companies for projects to control pollution. EPA also secured enforcement to ensure the proper treatment, storage, and disposal of an estimated 62 billion pounds of hazardous waste, the majority coming from [Mosaic Fertilizer](#) for their eight facilities across Florida and Louisiana.

Two recent landmark settlements — one with BP Exploration & Production and one with Volkswagen — are among the most impactful environmental cases in U.S. history. On April 4, 2016, the court entered an agreement with [BP](#) for a \$20.8 billion settlement for Clean Water Act violations stemming from the Deepwater Horizon blowout and resulting oil spill, with more than \$20 billion going to remediate communities and the environment. In a case that was lodged in fiscal 2015 but not entered by the court until Oct. 25, 2016, [Volkswagen](#) agreed to pay up to \$14.7 billion on projects to reduce air pollution, remedy environmental damage and buy back 2.0 liter diesel vehicles to stop the use of illegal software to cheat emissions tests and deceive customers.

Read more on EPA's [Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2016](#) website.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and remain working full time in public service to reduce their student loans. Under this tax-free program, federal employees may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on their loans after 120 qualifying payments have been made. To qualify for PSLF, borrowers must:

- ✓ Work for their federal agency fulltime;
- ✓ Have qualifying federal Direct Loans; and
- ✓ Repay their loans under a qualifying repayment plan, either an income-driven repayment plan or the 10-year standard

For borrowers to qualify for PSLF, they need to be on a qualifying repayment plan and submit an [Employment Certification Form](#) to confirm for borrowers that they work for an eligible employer and are making qualifying payments towards loan forgiveness. It is important to certify early and often — once a year or any time a borrower's employer changes. [Learn more.](#)

Contact your organization's [Shared Services Center Point of Contact](#) if you have questions related to completing the Employment Certification Form.

Key Dates

Video Spotlight



Click on each event below to get more details.
Click on the "Add to Calendar" button to add an event to your Outlook calendar.
If you see a log-in screen, please click on your EPA email, or if prompted, enter your email and network password.

Happening This Week:

Jan. 17: [2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration with Administrator McCarthy](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Jan. 19: [Webinar: How to Use Online CFRs](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day

Coming Soon:

Feb. 20: [President's Day holiday observed](#) [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)



[#TestForRadon](#)

[Making a Visible Difference In Newburgh, NY](#)

EPA is working to bring focused attention to the needs of more than 50 environmentally overburdened and economically distressed communities. Through this program, EPA is working with community leaders and residents to understand their needs, then working with local, state, and other agencies to leverage our collective resources in supporting their efforts. In this video, watch how we are helping the city of Newburgh bring stakeholders together to work on sustainable development in the city.



(Video length 1:01)

Health & Wellness

IT Corner

EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge

Beware of VISHING

EPA is committed to providing employees with a healthy work-

The number of reported vishing attempts at EPA has significantly increased in recent months. Vishing is a telephone scam where cyber criminals call you posing as legitimate companies or organizations, such as a helpdesk, bank, or credit card company, in an attempt to obtain sensitive information. Successful vishing attempts allow cyber criminals to obtain information, such as login credentials or personally identifiable information, and gain access to your computer in some cases.

Protect Yourself

- Ask for identification and a call back number.
- Determine if the call is unsolicited or a cold call.
- Never give out sensitive or personal information over the phone without verifying the caller's identity and need to know.
- Don't trust caller ID.
- If vishing is suspected, document the call – the information provided, the caller's phone number, and any other pertinent information. Report the incident to the EPA Call Center.

Knowledge is key to thwarting vishing attempts and protecting your information.

- Know how to contact the [EPA Call Center](#) [1-866-41-4EPA].
- Know your [Information Security Officer \(ISO\)](#).
- Know how to [Report an Incident](#).

For more information about vishing and other cybersecurity threats, visit the [Informational Advisories](#).

life balance. To promote a physically active lifestyle for all employees and encourage friendly competition among EPA locations, register for the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge.

Running from Jan. 16 – April 16, the challenge will motivate and support participants as they track their daily steps and “step up” their activity levels to accrue as many steps as possible. While there is no specific recommendation for daily number of steps, the American College of Sports Medicine suggests 10,000 steps (five miles) per day as a good long-term goal. In addition to the primary challenge goal of taking more steps each day, participants can also log minutes of light-, moderate-, and vigorous-intensity exercise not otherwise covered by tracking steps. The more steps and minutes of exercise tracked, the greater the number of points earned.

Participants will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points for their location’s team by completing a bi-weekly wellness challenge. Visit the [Challenge site](#) to register, and check it often throughout the challenge to see the rankings of top locations and individuals.

For more information about the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge, contact your [wellness coordinator](#) or visit the [Challenge site](#). We look forward to your participation and wish you luck with your fitness goals.

We would love to hear your feedback about this newsletter. Please contact us at: internalcomms@epa.gov | <http://intranet.epa.gov/internalcomms>
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Ferris, Lena

From: Meiburg, Stan
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: Corbin-Fox Ches Bay OpEd in WashPost

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A. Stanley Meiburg
Acting Deputy Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Corbin (b) (6)
Date: January 17, 2017 at 7:53:36 PM EST
To: "Meiburg, Stan" <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>
Cc: "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Corbin-Fox Ches Bay OpEd in WashPost

Stan, Matt - I hope you are both doing well, or the best that can be expected as the days wind down. I wish you both the best moving forward and please pass along my sincere thanks to Gina. You all gave me an incredible opportunity during my span at EPA and I am forever grateful.

I have one small (hopefully) and last (definitely) request.

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I was made aware of this issue this evening by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Will Baker and his Senior VP, Kim Coble, had a long standing good relationship with Gina and Lisa before that. Kim is the best contact for this matter, her email is (b) (6) and her cell is (b) (6).

Sorry for the last minute fire drill, but this really is a critical need for the Bay.

Let me know if there is anything else that I can do.

Many thanks for all that you have done.

jc

On Fri, Aug 12, 2016 at 8:35 AM, Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Jeff. Hope you are also doing well!

Best wishes,

Stan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2016, at 5:04 PM, Jeff Corbin (b) (6) wrote:

Gentlemen - I wanted you to have a heads up that an OpEd penned by myself and Chuck Fox will be on-line tomorrow and be in the Washington Post Sunday Metro Section. See below.

I hope you both are doing well.

Jeff Corbin

By J. Charles Fox

and Jeff Corbin

In the spring, scientists announced that the Chesapeake Bay was improving, with most health indicators trending in the right direction. Pollution was decreasing, fish and wildlife populations were increasing and underwater grasses were thriving in places. And it may come as a surprise that the secret to the bay's recent improvement was not a technical or scientific "silver bullet" but leadership from a former Virginia governor.

It's not yet time to celebrate, of course. Chesapeake Bay challenges remain monumental, particularly because of agriculture pollution in Pennsylvania and on Maryland's Eastern Shore and contaminated stormwater runoff throughout our highly developed, 64,000-square-mile watershed. But it's time to reflect on our progress and what got us here. The bay's improving health is not a supernatural miracle; it is a product of decades of difficult political decisions by the region's elected officials. And make no mistake, the Chesapeake is being viewed as a litmus test for other great waters around the nation that are in

dire need of restoration.

Having served in many different roles on Chesapeake restoration efforts, we've both seen policies that work, as well as ones that never lived up to their promises. The most important lesson we've learned?

Leadership matters.

Particularly from the federal government. Indeed, the policies that flow from this fall's elections will seal the fate of the Chesapeake for years to come. With past commitments left unfulfilled, and a widely supported 2025 restoration deadline looming, will its health continue to improve as we meet our cleanup goals on schedule? Or will the bay be bogged down by bureaucracy or mired in conflict?

The modern Chesapeake cleanup effort was born in 1983, a product of a federal-state collaboration, with leadership from a U.S. senator, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the governor of Maryland. With the support of the region's governors, state legislators and the D.C. mayor, the effort evolved over the years into a true partnership.

Yet the federal government is a partner without equals. It represents the broader interests of the region, not those of a particular jurisdiction. It has a core responsibility of implementing federal environmental laws, upon which many state and local laws are built. It is the glue that binds the bay cleanup program together.

There have been a handful of truly major changes in policy over the past 35 years. The 1987 Chesapeake Bay Agreement, for example, took the unprecedented step of establishing and adopting numeric goals and deadlines to reduce pollution and restore the bay ecosystem.

Another significant policy change occurred about seven years ago. Few elected officials understood how to leverage the power of the federal government in the same manner as Tim Kaine, then Virginia's governor and now the Democratic nominee for vice president. Just months after taking office, President Obama issued a first-ever executive order for the Chesapeake, outlining his expectations for accelerating action. Kaine was instrumental in making that happen, demonstrating that there is real value in a federal-state partnership.

The inclusion of accountability, including short-term objectives, was the result of Kaine's leadership during his term as chairman of the Chesapeake Executive Council - the top body that oversees the Chesapeake restoration efforts.

Did this new pollution control regime save the bay? Of course not. Full restoration of the Chesapeake is a long-term struggle

that must be embraced by our future leaders.

Federal intervention in delivering clean water and healthy ecosystems is sometimes misunderstood or, in some cases, viewed with hostility by state and local governments. Intergovernmental relationships are delicate and need to be managed respectfully.

However, the citizens of Flint, Mich., because of the water crisis there, understand why we need federal leadership. Those of us who know and care about the Chesapeake do as well.

Given the significant economic and social value of a healthy Chesapeake Bay, it is paramount that issues defining the Chesapeake's future receive attention from candidates running for federal office. Lessons from leaders such as Kaine have demonstrated how governments can work together to make progress. This year's elections, and the new leaders who will emerge, will be profoundly important to the health of the Chesapeake Bay and the communities in this region.

The writers served as senior advisers at the Environmental Protection Agency, where they advised the EPA administrator on Chesapeake Bay issues. Previously, they held senior positions in the Maryland and Virginia governments and worked for nonprofit organizations on the Chesapeake for more than 40 years combined.

Ferris, Lena

From: Smith, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:55 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Thank You and Farewell

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All,

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to have served as an appointee over the past five years at EPA. I will miss working with so many amazing people who are passionate about science and public health. Although, I am sad to leave the agency, I am excited to continue working on environmental issues at the state level.

Do please stay in touch!

(b) (6) and (b) (6)

Best,

Kelley Smith

Ferris, Lena

From: Regina McCarthy (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: Readings
Attachments: Readings_v1.docx

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For me
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Hi Gina,

Hope you are well. Please see attached a list of suggested readings that have been compiled by Augusta. They look great to me.

Would you review the lists per class and determine which readings are most relevant to your discussion for that session? We try to require three readings per class, but that is not set in stone.

Also, tomorrow, we need to decide upon a name for the class. I am trying to identify a day and time....working with Dept. of Environmental Health. Hope to have some info when we meet tomorrow.

Let us know if you have questions. Many thanks.

Best,

Betty

Ferris, Lena

From: Rupp, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Meiburg, Stan; Fritz, Matthew; McCabe, Catherine; Flynn, Mike; Kenny, Shannon
Subject: FW: Mayor Dixon's Note to the Administrator w/LGAC Biannual Report
Attachments: LGAC Draft Biannual Report 2.1.pdf; LGAC Ozone Letter -FINAL-sig-Jan17-17.pdf

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Administrator, I forwarded this to your public email, but am also now forwarding it directly!

Your successor will take to heart your example of working collaboratively with local governments, generally, and the LGAC, in particular.

From: Rupp, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Cc: 'mayor@greensburgks.org' <mayor@greensburgks.org>; Eargle, Frances <Eargle.Frances@epa.gov>; Jack Bowles <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Mayor Dixon's Note to the Administrator w/LGAC Biannual Report

Dear Gina,

I am writing as Chair of the Local Government Advisory Committee to convey my appreciation for your tremendous achievements during your tenure at the EPA, and to express appreciation for all of your support for the LGAC. Before you leave, I just wanted to let you know that you have left a better EPA for your hard work and you have set a course for a cleaner environment for all of our communities.

I go back to my initial days when you took office as administrator in the Spring of 2013 when we visited by phone soon after. During our short telephone visit, you set out to forge a stronger partnership with local governments to address some challenging environmental and public health challenges ahead. Since then, there has been no looking back. We moved forward, we got to work immediately in doing that, and we have a lot to show for it. So before you leave office, on behalf of the LGAC, I am providing the LGAC Biannual Report-2015-2016 to show and highlight some of that great work. Also, please find the LGAC's letter of recommendation on ozone (see attached). Thank you for taking part in our January 13th LGAC meeting. It meant a lot to us on the LGAC for your taking time to visit with us in your farewell meeting with us.

I admire your leadership and management style and the way you communicate directly and frankly. You always left those lines of communication open with a place for our voice from local government. You will always remain in my highest regard. I know wherever and whatever challenges you take on next or in the future, you will continue to provide your great energy and leadership.

Please consider a visit to Greensburg, Kansas in your days and weeks ahead. You will always be welcome and you will get the VIP tour. Feel free to reach me at my personal e-mail I'd be welcome to hear from you or if I can ever be of service to you call me at (b) (6) or email at mayor@greensburgks.org.

Thank you, and best wishes!

Robert A. Dixon

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Ferris, Lena

From: Fritz, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:47 PM
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Subject: Fwd: EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE COMPLIANCE TOOLKIT - CHAPTER I; FAQs; Transmittal Letter

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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE COMPLIANCE TOOLKIT - CHAPTER I; FAQs; Transmittal Letter

Hello Everyone, the Toolkit Chapter I documents are now live on our Website. Thanks! Lilian

<https://wcms.epa.gov/ocr/external-civil-rights-compliance-office-new-developments>
<https://wcms.epa.gov/ocr/chapter-1-us-epas-external-civil-rights-compliance-office-compliance-toolkit-chapter-1>

Lilian Sotolongo Dorka
Director, External Civil Rights Compliance Office
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WJC-N Room 2450

From: Dorka, Lilian
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:48 PM
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Cc: Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Temple, Kurt <Temple.Kurt@epa.gov>; Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>; O'Lone, Mary <olone.mary@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Pieh, Luseni <Pieh.Luseni@epa.gov>; Rupp, Mark <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE COMPLIANCE TOOLKIT - CHAPTER I; FAQs; Transmittal Letter
Importance: High

Hello Ethan and Avi,

I have not received any comments/questions from DCROs on the Toolkit documents. So, as planned, we are going ahead with issuance. I have forwarded the documents to the contractor to post tomorrow by noon on our Website. Attached are the documents FYI (one pdf doc). Also attached (FOR NANCY) is a Desk Statement we have prepared to assist OPA in responding to any press questions about this release.

Once the documents are posted **tomorrow**, consistent with our Comms/Outreach Plan, I will send a note to DCROs to let them know this has been issued. I will work with Mark Rupp and Andrea to give ECOS a heads up, and I will also contact advocates to provide them a heads up.

I will send you a link to the posted docs tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks! Lilian

Lilian Sotolongo Dorka
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Hello DCROs,

I wanted to update you on the status of the "Toolkit" -- policy guidance to recipients. As you know, we have been working on this important deliverable over the last few months. Several of you have provided critical assistance on this endeavor. A big thank you in particular to colleagues in OAR and OLEM and colleagues throughout OGC and at DOJ!

I am pleased to report that we now have a final draft. Attached, please find Chapter I of the Toolkit which provides guidance on the application of the federal civil rights laws and the civil rights legal theories used in investigating and resolving civil rights complaints at EPA. In addition, we have developed a companion Chapter I Frequently Asked Questions. The FAQs, also attached, will accompany Chapter I to provide more plain-language answers to the most common questions related to Chapter I. Finally, attached is the transmittal letter that will forward this guidance and information to our "colleagues" – recipients of EPA funds.

We are planning to issue these documents by COB January 17th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of EPA's civil rights mission!

Lilian

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OFF THE WIRES

Abadi Hopeful For US Compensation For “Tragedies” After 2003 Invasion.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi today called for a “thorough investigation” of the lead-up to the 2003 US invasion of Iraq and subsequent presence that he likened to an “occupation” after ending the regime of Saddam Hussein. Abadi said the instability has resulted in persistent chaos, and he hopes “Iraqis will be compensated for the tragedies and catastrophes they endured.”

Industrial Production Up More Than Expected In December.

The Federal Reserve reports today that industrial production rose 0.8 percent in December, the largest monthly percentage gain in two years. Economists had expected an increase of 0.7 percent. Manufacturing rose 0.2 percent on strength in the auto and primary metals sector. For the 12 month period, manufacturing also rose 0.2 percent. Utility production increased 6.6 percent as colder weather increased demand, while mining output was unchanged. Capacity utilization, which measures the level of industrial slack, increased 0.6 percent to 75.5 percent, meeting economists’ forecasts but still below historical averages.

Consumer Prices Rise As Expected.

The Labor Department reports today that the consumer price index was up 0.3 percent in December, in line with economists’ forecasts. Core CPI, which eliminates the volatile food and energy categories, increased 0.2 percent. For the full year of 2016, the CPI was up 2.1 percent, while core CPI was up 2.2 percent.

Homebuilder Sentiment Pulls Back In January.

The National Association of Home Builders today announced that its NAHB/Wells Fargo index of homebuilder sentiment fell from 69 in December to 67 in January. The index indicates more market participants have positive views when over 50. Economists had expected the index to come in at 69. NAHB economist Robert Dietz said, “Concerns going into the year include rising mortgage interest rates, as well as a lack of lots and access to labor.”

IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AROUND TOWN

Price Calls For Bipartisan Approach To Healthcare Policy, Says Affordability And Accessibility Are Key Principles.

In his opening remarks before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Tom Price said he would seek to take a bipartisan approach in healthcare policy. Price said, “If confirmed, my obligation will be to carry to the Department of Health and Human Services both an appreciation for bipartisan, team-driven policy-making, and what has been a lifetime commitment to improving the health and well being of the American people. That commitment extends to what I call the six principles of health care: Affordability, accessibility, quality, responsiveness, innovation and choices.

“But Health and Human Services is more than health care. There are real heroes at this department doing incredible work to keep our food safe, to develop new drugs and treatment options driven by scientists conducting truly remarkable research. There are heroes among the talented, dedicated men and women working to provide critical social services, helping families and particularly children have a higher quality of living and the opportunity to rise up and achieve their American dream.

"The role of Health and Human Services in improving lives means it must carry out its responsibilities with compassion. It also must be efficient and effective and accountable, as well as willing to work with those communities already doing incredible work on behalf of their citizens. Across the spectrum of issues and services that this department handles, there endures a promise that has been made to the American people. We must strengthen our resolve to keep the promises our society has made to our senior citizens and to those who are most in need of care and support.

"That means saving and strengthening and securing Medicare for today's beneficiaries and future generations. It means ensuring that our nation's Medicaid population has access to the highest quality of care. It means maintaining and expanding America's leading role in medical innovation and the treatment and eradication of disease.

"I share your passion for these issues, having spent my life in service to them. And yet there's no doubt that we don't all agree on – or share the same point of view when it comes to addressing every one of these issues. Our approaches to policies may differ, but surely – surely there exists a common commitment to public service and to compassion for those that we serve.

"We all hope that we can help improve the lives of the American people to help heal individuals and whole communities. So with a healthy dose of humility and an appreciation for the scope of the challenges before us, with your assistance and with God's will, we can make it happen. And I look forward to working with you to do just that."

Price: Goal Of ACA Repeal Not To Pull "The Rug Out" From Consumers. Asked by Chairman Alexander about the transition from Obamacare, Price said, "I think one of the important things that we need to convey to the American people is that nobody – nobody's interested in pulling the rug out from under anybody. We believe that it's absolutely imperative that individuals that have health coverage be able to keep health coverage and move hopefully to greater choices and opportunities for them to gain the kind of coverage that they want for themselves and for their families. So I think there's been a lot of talk about – about individuals losing health coverage. That is not our goal nor is it our desire, nor is it our plan."

Alexander: Obamacare Repeal Needs To Be Simultaneously. In his opening remarks, Chairman Lamar Alexander said, "Following the presidential election, President-elect Trump said on 60 Minutes that replacement and repeal of Obamacare would be done simultaneously – his word. To me, that means that at the same time. And then recently Speaker of the House Paul Ryan said that repeal and replacement of Obamacare would be done concurrently. And then Senator McConnell said last week, that we need to do this promptly, but in quote, 'Manageable pieces.' Trying to interpret what those words mean, to me, that means Obamacare should be finally repealed only when their concrete practical reforms in place to give Americans access to truly affordable health care. The American people deserve health care reform that's done in the right way, for the right reasons and the right amount of time. It's not about developing a quick fix. It's about working toward long term solutions that work for everyone."

Trump Says Healthcare Plan Will "Take Care Of Everybody."

In an interview with Ainsley Earhardt that aired on Fox News "Fox & Friends," President-elect Trump discussed his healthcare plans, saying, "We're going to have a plan that's going to be great for people and it's going to be much less expensive and you will be able to actually have something to say about who your doctor is and your plan. So, and we're going to have, you know, we have to cover people that can't afford it. And that's what I'm talking about. And we'll probably have block grants of Medicaid back into the states and we will do things because, you know, there

are people that can't afford it nobody is going to be dying on the streets with a President Trump. We want to take care of everybody."

Asked how the plan would be funded, Trump said, "You watch. We will get private insurance companies to take care of a lot of people that can afford it that's going to take a tremendous burden off. They will have plans that are great plans. That's very important."

Conway: Millions Won't Lose Insurance Because Of Obamacare Repeal. On ABC's "Good Morning America" today, presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway said the repeal of the Affordable Care Act would not result in millions losing their insurance. Conway said, "What we're saying is that people who are relying on insurance currently will not go without coverage during the time of transition. He has made that clear. I think he said it at his press conference or sometime last week. Secondly it's just a more patient-centric free market system of buying and having health care. Why? Because you'll have a health savings account with your name on it where you own it and you will be able to control spending. We will block grant Medicaid to the states probably. So those who are closest to the people in need who know how to administer it will do so. And, of course, the big one that you can buy health insurance across state line. Your viewers know they buy goods and services across state lines every day. Why in the most intimate purchase that you can make as an American for your healthcare would you not be able to do that? So he wants to make sure it's truly affordable and accessible. There are Americans who have been helped through the Affordable Care Act. They will not be harmed but many Americans feel they had great benefits and their premiums have skyrocketed. Their choice, their quality and their access has been diminished. We want to help those people."

Ross Calls For "Sensible Trade" Policies That Benefit Workers.

Commerce Secretary-designate Wilbur Ross today appeared before the Senate Commerce Committee for his confirmation hearing. In his opening statement Ross said, "I'm pro-trade. But I'm pro-sensible trade, not trade that is detrimental to the American worker and to the domestic manufacturing base." He added, "I think I've probably had more direct experience than any prior cabinet nominee has had with unfair trade in the steel business, in the textile business, in the auto parts business and other sectors."

Pruitt Acknowledges Climate Change Is Real.

At his confirmation hearing before the Senate Environment Committee today, EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt today acknowledged that climate change is a real phenomenon. Pruitt is breaking with his own past statements and said he disagreed with President-elect Trump's tweet that it was a Chinese hoax intended to reduce the US' economic competitiveness.

Haley Condemns Obama Administration Over UN Security Council Israel Resolution.

In her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, UN Ambassador Nikki Haley criticized the Obama Administration for failing to veto the UN Security Council resolution that condemns Israel for settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Haley said if confirmed, she will not go to New York and "abstain when the UN seeks to create an international environment that encourages boycotts of Israel."

Trump Says He'll Continue Using Twitter Because Of "Dishonest Media."

In his interview with Fox's Ainsley Earhardt, President-elect Trump said he doesn't like using Twitter to communicate, but he would continue to do so. Trump said, "I don't like tweeting. I have other things I could be doing. But I get very dishonest media, very dishonest press. And it's my

only way that I can counter act. Like, for instance, when John Lewis said, you know, he has never done it before where he skipped an inauguration, well, he has. It turned out to be a lie. I'm able to say that if the press were honest, which it's not, I would absolutely not use Twitter. I wouldn't have to."

The President-elect also publicized the interview via Twitter, saying, "Will be interviewed by @ainsleyearhardt on @foxandfriends – Enjoy!"

Conway: Twitter Allows Trump To Bypass Press. On ABC's "Good Morning America" today, presidential counselor Conway said Trump did "not necessarily" mean he would be tweeting less. Conway added, "What he is saying is this is one of the only ways that he can actually connect and communicate directly with the American people. We are not treated fairly by many media outlets. Thank you for the platform here, George, as always, but this is the way that he goes around those who want to, I think, toxify his message and distort his message and communicate and connect."

Earnest Says Obama's Confidence That Democrats Will Defend ACA Is Growing.

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Obama White House spokesman Josh Earnest today President Obama is "increasingly confident about the ability of Democrats in Congress to protect the Affordable Care Act and all of the benefits that are – that the American people are enjoying right now. ... Republicans still, after seven years, haven't put forward a plan to replace the Affordable Care Act. It's unclear exactly what the incoming administration has planned. What is clear is that they haven't told their secretary of Health & Human Services...exactly what their plan is. And that nominee looks increasingly battled by the – embattled by the day. So I think what you see right now is, in some ways we've sort of flipped the script a little bit. You see Democrats really united and Republicans all over the map when it comes to the future of health care and the future of healthcare reform, and that leaves the President increasingly optimistic that the Congress and Democrats in Congress will succeed in protecting a law that's been good for the country, been good for millions of Americans, and good for our economy."

Trump Blasts "Biased" NBC News Coverage Of Jobs Role.

President-elect Trump today criticized NBC for what he called its biased coverage of his role in persuading companies to keep production and jobs in the US. Trump tweeted, "Totally biased @NBCNews went out of its way to say that the big announcement from Ford, GM, Lockheed & others that jobs are coming back...to the US, but had nothing to do with TRUMP, is more FAKE NEWS. Ask top CEO's of those companies for real facts. Came back because of me! 'Bayer AG has pledged to add US jobs and investments after meeting with President-elect Donald Trump, the latest in a string...' @WSJ ... No wonder the Today Show on biased @NBC is doing so badly compared to its glorious past. Little credibility!"

Conway Hopeful Senate Will Confirm Key Cabinet Personnel By Friday.

On ABC's "Good Morning America" today, presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway said that the incoming Trump Administration was hopeful to have key Cabinet members in place on inauguration day. Conway said, "We certainly hope that President-elect Trump will have that Cabinet in place the way President Obama and President George W. Bush did, our two most recent presidents. They had upwards of seven to nine confirmed on inauguration day so Friday is coming quickly. We certainly hope and expect that we'll be able to have a peaceful transition of government which includes having a Cabinet in place."

Conway added President-elect Trump would have an inclusive message in his inaugural address on Friday: "If you look at this inaugural address and I've seen it, you do see a President who is making good on his promise from election night, George, to be the President of all Americans and that includes the millions who did not vote for him. That theme will be carried over into his inaugural address. It's a beautiful, elegant, very strong, powerful message and, yes, it is America first, and, yes, he is a man of action but at the same time he recognizes that to move forward we need to come together. We hope that the Democrats who say they're not coming to the inauguration would reconsider."

Ghosn Says Nissan Will Adapt To Trump Administration To Maintain Competitiveness.

On Bloomberg TV, Carlos Ghosn, Chairman and CEO of Renault, Chairman and CEO of Nissan, and Chairman of Mitsubishi Motors, said he has not had any conversations with the incoming Trump Administration about production and investment in the US. He added, "But the message at the level of industry is very clear. The message that President-elect has conveyed very clearly is America first, and jobs in the United States. That's it. It's very clear. And I think all the carmakers have got this message. Some of them have already moved and made decision in consequence. Others will. Now this being said, Administration will take place in a few days. Policies and specifics are going to be decided very soon. And I can bet that after this is being made you're going to see a lot of decisions made by carmakers to adapt to this policy." As for his own firm, Ghosn added, "It's very simple. We deal with many countries and many economies. We deal with changes of presidents, changes of administration everywhere. So our business is to adapt to new situation. I will do that."

Asked if he was prepared to move jobs to the US from Canada or Mexico, Ghosn said, "We are prepared to do everything which is necessary to maintain Nissan competitive in North America and particularly in the United States."

Obama To Announce More Clemency Decisions, Expected To Defend Manning Commutation At Afternoon Press Conference.

Administration officials today indicated that President Obama will release another round of clemency decisions on Thursday, the final full day of his Presidency. The President is expected to defend his commutation of the sentence of Chelsea Manning, the former Army intelligence officer who leaked over 700,000 sensitive and classified documents to WikiLeaks, at his afternoon press conference. White House officials said the remaining commutations will most likely be drug offenders and not high level figures.

Conway: Obama Commutation Of Manning's Sentence Was "Partisan Politics."

On Fox News "Fox & Friends," presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway said President Obama's commutation of Chelsea Manning's sentence was "partisan politics at its worse. That this – the way that we treated somebody or the way we look at leaking really depends on whose ox is being gored. So look, a 35 year sentence sudden not have been taken lightly. Not like he got a slap on the wrist. I don't think anybody should be equating it to General Cartwright, who I had one count of lying to the FBI really to protect national security. Not to compromise it."

Cotton:

Cotton: Commutation Shows Obama's Inconsistency On Punishing Leakers. On Fox News "Fox & Friends," Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton (D) said the commutation was "very disappointing. And it's very dangerous as well, Brian. Chelsea Manning committed grave crimes against our national security leaking reports from the field of people who cooperated with

American troops and diplomats and intelligence officers. We know that Usama bin Laden himself was interested in some of the reports that were leaked. And looking ahead, this is not just something that is bad from historical standpoint, but we depend on the cooperation of people all around the world. Sometimes that cooperation has to occur in secret. Now that they know that an American president is willing to commute the sentence of someone who shared such information publicly, they're probably going to think twice before they are willing to cooperate with the America in future. That's bad." Cotton added that maybe "Barack Obama's official position on WikiLeaks is bad when it embarrasses Democrats and good when undermines national security."

Supreme Court Skeptical About Bid To Sue Ashcroft, Others Over 2001 Muslim Detentions.

The Supreme Court today heard oral arguments in the appeal by former Attorney General John Ashcroft and other top officials, who are asking the court to rule that a group of Muslim men do not have the standing to sue for their detention in a Brooklyn jail after the 2001 attacks. Justices appeared skeptical of the effort to expand the right to sue public officials. Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor have recused themselves.

In other developments today, the court:

Appears Dubious About Offensive Trademark Law. The Supreme Court Justices today raised questions about the Federal law that bars offensive registered trademarks. An Asian-American band, The Slants, sued after the Patent and Trademark office ruled their name was disparaging to Asians.

Gabbard Makes Unannounced Trip To Syria, Lebanon.

HI2 Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D) has made an unannounced trip to Syria and Lebanon for meetings with officials and civilian leaders. A spokeswoman would not say if Gabbard, who bills herself as an opponent of "interventionist" wars, had met with President Bashar al-Assad. Gabbard spokeswoman Emily Latimer said, "As a member of the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees, and as an individual committed to doing all she can to promote and work for peace, she felt it was important to meet with a number of individuals and groups including religious leaders, humanitarian workers, refugees and government and community leaders."

GM To Pay \$1 Million Over Accounting Control Failure Over Ignition Switch Recall.

General Motors will pay a \$1 million penalty to settle allegations of internal accounting control failures that may have impacted a recall decision, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced Wednesday. According to SEC investigation, accountants at the Detroit-based automaker didn't properly evaluate the likelihood or financial impact of a recall of cars with a defective ignition switch found in some vehicles, even though GM personnel knew there was a safety issue 18 months prior. "Internal accounting controls at General Motors failed to consider relevant accounting guidance when it came to considering disclosure of potential vehicle recalls," said Andrew Calamari, Director of the SEC's New York Regional Office, in a prepared statement. "Proper consideration of loss contingencies and assessment of the need for disclosure are vital to the preparation of financial statements that conform with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles." GM recalled 2.6 million vehicles in 2014 due to faulty ignition switches and in September settled two court cases stemming from the defect linked to hundreds of deaths and injuries. – Bulletin exclusive from US News

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd: Blog Post re Collaboration
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Martineau <Bob.Martineau@tn.gov>
Date: January 18, 2017 at 12:58:08 PM EST
To: "Gina McCarthy (McCarthy.gina@Epa.gov)" <McCarthy.gina@Epa.gov>, "Stan Meiburg" <meiburg.stan@epa.gov>, "Bob Perciasepe (bobperciasepe@c2es.org)" <bobperciasepe@c2es.org>, "Rupp, Mark" <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>
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Wishing you all the best.

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Ferris, Lena

From: Davis, Cameron
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Davis, Cameron
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: THANK YOU
Attachments: Remarks-Davis-02242016.pdf

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Dear Friends & Colleagues –

My wife, son, daughter and I live across from Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois. Not far away up the lakefront is a plaque commemorating Edward Spencer. Few people have heard of him, but he's important to you and to me for a lot of reasons. I'll come back to him in a minute.

First, thank you for the chance to work with you over the years and the amazing team led by Administrators McCarthy and Jackson, and Deputies Meiburg and Perciasepe. Because of you, we have made tremendous progress in protecting the largest fresh surface water system on the planet. We have kept silver and bighead carp out (though the fight will go on). We've knocked toxic hotspot "Areas of Concern" off the list that no one thought would be cleaned up (with more cleanup on the way). With the International Joint Commission's leadership, we have laid the groundwork for restoring the hydrology of more than 60,000 acres of coastal wetlands around Lake Ontario.

More than that, though, we have built strong, durable institutions of stakeholders who can keep carrying our collective work forward through the Great Lakes Advisory Board, Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee, Great Lakes Executive Committee, and many others. And we have done it together with dedication and good humor. Attached (if you don't have enough to read) are short remarks I gave last year about our work together and thoughts about continuing the mission. And to cap things off, my wife Katelyn and I had the privilege of joining President Obama this past Sunday night with many other "lifer" appointees. I was able to shake his hand, thank him for his service to the country and for his leadership on the Great Lakes. **He remembered his commitment to the Great Lakes and he thanked all of us for the same...**

Now, back to Edward Spencer. In the early morning of September 8, 1880, word reached the U.S. Life Saving Service's station in Evanston that a ship needed help off the Lake Michigan coast. Spencer, a Northwestern University student heard the call and plunged into Lake Michigan's waves to swim out to help those in trouble from the flagging ship. Spencer went out and save one. Went out again, saved another. Again, and another. That morning, Spencer saved not one, two or three, but 17 lives. Exhausted after his last effort, he looked up at his brother Will, who was now with him and asked: "did I do my full duty? Did I do my best?"

Thank you for always, always, always doing your best for the Great Lakes and the waters that are the life support system for all of us.

I will be reachable after from now on at (b) (6) and personal cell (b) (6). I plan to stay in touch. Been doing my best for the Great Lakes work for 30 years with you. Why quit now?

Cam

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Ferris, Lena

From: Meiburg, Stan
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Bob Martineau; Bob Perciasepe (bobperciasepe@c2es.org); Rupp, Mark
Subject: RE: Blog Post re Collaboration

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Bob, that is a classy post as is everything you write. It's very satisfying because it so reflects the relationship I hoped to promote during my time here.

The good news is that I think there really is only one way forward for the environmental enterprise—even greater collaborative governance. It has been an honor to be part of this ride, for which I owe the Administrator a tremendous debt of gratitude, but also a joy to have worked with you and the other stalwart members of ECOS, who are now friends.

Thank you for all your great work, and I will see you on the other side!

Best regards,

Stan

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From: Dorka, Lilian
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Garbow, Avi; Fritz, Matthew
Subject: RE: Congratulations

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Thank you so much Administrator! I will pass along your words of support to the team – the whole team, which includes our OGC attorneys. Your words will mean a lot to them, as they do to me. As you often say, this is not a sprint, it's a marathon, but we are passing some important markers along that marathon route and they are significant in restoring everyone's faith in EPA's ability to fulfil its civil rights mission.

Thank you for trusting us to get at least part of our important job done. The REACH Letter of Concern is in fact having great impact, as the new Secretary of NC DEQ has already received, and reviewed the letter and wants to meet. Today we issue Resolution Letters in three longstanding cases, including one that is over 20 years old, and one that involves a very proactive Informal Resolution Agreement and emphasizes an unprecedented partnership with New Mexico regarding civil rights matters.

Thank you again for your leadership and support, and your trust. Lilian

Lilian Sotolongo Dorka
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From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Dorka, Lilian <Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov>
Cc: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: Congratulations

Lilian I am so very proud of you and your team. And I am hoping that all the steps we have taken together to better position your team for success will pay off for you and the people we serve.

Congratulations on a job well done and count of me for any and all support I am able to muster.

Ferris, Lena

From: Margo Oge (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Thank you!

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

Dear Gina,

Just to say thank you for all you did as EPA administrator and my boss in the Air Office.

You are my hero!

Margo

Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Herckis, Arian
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Fritz, Matthew
Subject: FW: Cabinet Contact Information
Attachments: WH and Cabinet Contact Information.xlsx

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Administrator - Attached is the contact list for Cabinet Members. Denis' office put this together.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wang, Jenny W. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Wang, Jenny W. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Cabinet Contact Information

Good Afternoon -

Please find attached forwarding contact information for the majority of the Cabinet, as well as the White House senior advisors.

Kindly request that you only share this information directly with your principals.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wang, Jenny W. EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 5:00 PM
To: Wang, Jenny W. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Cabinet Contact Information

Good Afternoon -

I am working to compile a list of contact information of the Cabinet.

If your principal would like to share their forwarding information (phone number, e-mails, etc.), please send it my way.

I will pull together a list and send it over so that your principals will have it.

Thank you. - Jenny

Ferris, Lena

From: Contreras-Sweet, Maria <maria.contreras-sweet@sba.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Maria Contreras-Sweet
Subject: Cabinet Photo
Attachments: Cabinet Photo.jpg

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All,

Please find a copy of the Cabinet Photo attached.

It has been a pleasure working with you all. Please stay in touch.

I can be reached at (b) (6) or (b) (6)

Maria Contreras-Sweet

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Mayor Dixon's Note to the Administrator w/LGAC Biannual Report
Attachments: LGAC Draft Biannual Report 2.1.pdf; LGAC Ozone Letter -FINAL-sig-Jan17-17.pdf

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From: Rupp, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Cc: mayor@greensburgks.org; Eargle, Frances <Eargle.Frances@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Mayor Dixon's Note to the Administrator w/LGAC Biannual Report

Dear Gina,

I am writing as Chair of the Local Government Advisory Committee to convey my appreciation for your tremendous achievements during your tenure at the EPA, and to express appreciation for all of your support for the LGAC. Before you leave, I just wanted to let you know that you have left a better EPA for your hard work and you have set a course for a cleaner environment for all of our communities.

I go back to my initial days when you took office as administrator in the Spring of 2013 when we visited by phone soon after. During our short telephone visit, you set out to forge a stronger partnership with local governments to address some challenging environmental and public health challenges ahead. Since then, there has been no looking back. We moved forward, we got to work immediately in doing that, and we have a lot to show for it. So before you leave office, on behalf of the LGAC, I am providing the LGAC Biannual Report-2015-2016 to show and highlight some of that great work. Also, please find the LGAC's letter of recommendation on ozone (see attached). Thank you for taking part in our January 13th LGAC meeting. It meant a lot to us on the LGAC for your taking time to visit with us in your farewell meeting with us.

I admire your leadership and management style and the way you communicate directly and frankly. You always left those lines of communication open with a place for our voice from local government. You will always remain in my highest regard. I know wherever and whatever challenges you take on next or in the future, you will continue to provide your great energy and leadership.

Please consider a visit to Greensburg, Kansas in your days and weeks ahead. You will always be welcome and you will get the VIP tour. Feel free to reach me at my personal e-mail I'd be welcome to hear from you or if I can ever be of service to you call me at (b) (6) or email at mayor@greensburgks.org.

Thank you, and best wishes!



Bob Dixon

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Ferris, Lena

From: Jason Bordoff <jbordoff@sipa.columbia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:11 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Reuters - Jason Bordoff - Policymakers: Don't Take Clean Air For Granted
Attachments: image001.png

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Gina: Thought this might be of interest. I hope you are well—and thank you for all you've done over the last 8 years (and much more). Warm regards, Jason

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Cc: Jason Bordoff <jbordoff@sipa.columbia.edu>
Subject: Reuters - Jason Bordoff - Policymakers: Don't Take Clean Air For Granted

In his latest Reuters column [<http://www.reuters.com/article/oil-global-bordoff-idUSL1N1F817A>], Jason Bordoff, Founding Director of Columbia University SIPA's Center on Global Energy Policy, reminds that while many Americans today take clean air and water for granted, this was not always so. With Donald Trump two days from his inauguration as the country's president, and as Congress considers his nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it is important to remember how far we've come. While we can, and should, disagree about how to design regulations or measure costs and benefits, Bordoff argues we should not forget EPA's role for nearly a half century in providing a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for all Americans.

As always, comments are most welcome. For the latest updates, please visit the Center at energypolicy.columbia.edu and follow on Twitter @JasonBordoff and @ColumbiaUEnergy.

COLUMN – Policymakers: Don't Take Clean Air For Granted

(Jason Bordoff, a former energy adviser to President Barack Obama, is a professor of professional practice in international and public affairs and founding director of the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University. The opinions expressed are his own.)

By Jason Bordoff

While environmental pollution and risks persist in the United States, as seen most recently with the Flint water crisis, many Americans today take clean air and water for granted. With Donald Trump two days from his inauguration as the country's president, it is a good time -- as Congress considers his nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Scott Pruitt, who has like the president-elect been a vocal critic of the agency -- to recall that this was not always the case.

On January 28, 1969, one week after President Nixon's inauguration, a leak developed at the offshore Union Oil platform off the coast of Santa Barbara, California. It took nearly two weeks to plug the leak. By the time the spill was contained, nearly 100,000 barrels of oil polluted the sea, creating a 35-mile long oil slick that fouled some of the most beautiful beaches on California's coastline.

Five months later, the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland burst into flames, believed to have ignited when sparks from a passing train overhead fell onto the oil-soaked debris on the river's surface. When TIME Magazine published dramatic photos of a river on fire, it reported that the river was so saturated with sewage and industrial waste that it oozed rather than flowed.

From extreme smog that cloaked Los Angeles and other cities, to fish kills in waters contaminated from raw sewage, and chemicals brought to light in 1962 by Rachel Carson's groundbreaking *Silent Spring*, which helped launch the modern American environmental movement, these were not isolated incidents.

In the wake of World War Two, rapid industrialization and mass consumption delivered myriad benefits to Americans, but also led to widespread pollution problems. These came to a head with several high-profile incidents like those above, which created broad-based public pressure on federal politicians.

Environmental issues historically had been left to states. While some like California pursued strong environmental protections, others did not. States feared a loss of economic competitiveness if other states had weaker regulations. Moreover, pollution does not abide by state borders, so even states that took bolder actions could suffer from weaker regulations in neighboring states.

Over time, the case for federal action in protecting our air and water became increasingly clear. Sensing this growing public demand for federal intervention, President Nixon -- historically not vocal on environmental issues -- stepped out in front. In 1970, he signed the National Environmental Policy Act on national television and proclaimed the 1970s to be the "environmental decade." It was "now or never," he said.

After the first Earth Day in April 1970, Nixon announced the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in July and signed the landmark Clean Air Act in December. Two years later, the Clean Water Act was passed. All the environmental bills from this era were enacted by overwhelming bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate.

By any measure, the effects on public health and the environment have been dramatic. Since 1970, aggregate national emissions of the six common pollutants-particulate matter, ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide-dropped an average of 70 percent, preventing hundreds of thousands of premature deaths. The Clean Water Act has dramatically reduced pollution discharges into lakes, rivers and coastal waters -- two-thirds of which were unsafe for swimming or fishing when the Act was signed in 1972.

EPA has banned the pesticide DDT, which was threatening wildlife like the bald eagle and public health; removed the acid from rain; taken the lead out of gasoline that was causing millions of children to suffer cognitive problems; protected us from the harm of secondhand smoke; reduced levels of vehicle pollutants and toxic chemicals; and cleaned up thousands of contaminated sites so they can be redeveloped. The list goes on.

Policymakers from different parties and ideological backgrounds can, and should, disagree about how to design environmental regulations, such as whether to use market-based tools or more command-and-control regulations. They should debate the proper balance between local and federal oversight. They should challenge each other on often complex analytic questions about when proposed regulations go too far and impose costs that exceed benefits.

But they should all remember that the modern environmental movement did not arise among tree-hugging Greens on the far left, but rather from mainstream Americans fed up with fouled waters and choking air. They should remember environmental protections did not bring an end to American economic growth.

This week, while lawmakers conduct a hearing for a new EPA administrator, they should ensure the next administrator recognizes the invaluable role EPA has played for nearly a half century to provide a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for all Americans. (Jason Bordoff; @JasonBordoff; Editing by Alden Bentley)

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To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Thank you!

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From: Hammer, Diana
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you, Administrator McCarthy!

I have worked for EPA for nearly 30 years (HQ, Region 8 and for the last 16 years in Montana) and I want you to know that I have never been more proud to work for an Administrator!

Your leadership and vision have allowed people like me, working on the ground, to be involved in some really good projects. Thank you for the opportunity!

For instance, I want you to know that we are continuing the work we began in Poplar with the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck) as part of the MVD initiative; that the story of the Milltown Dam removal told in the Sustainability video continues – with new trails planned to further connect the community; and that I am continuing to seek opportunities in my work with Tribes to bring biomimicry and traditional ecological knowledge to bear on environmental and public health problems in Indian Country (talks in 2016 for the National Tribal Science Council and ORD's SHC).

There are many dedicated staff at EPA and you have inspired us. Thank you for all you have done for EPA - and the world - you have been absolutely awesome on climate change!

I wish you the best – the world is better for your work and vision!

Sincerely,

- Diana

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From: This Week @ EPA
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Subject: This Week @ EPA - Jan. 17, 2017



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The Office of Internal Communications thanks everyone who submitted winter photos for our consideration. We received more than 70 images of them in our winter issues. If you missed the opportunity to submit a winter image, be on the lookout in March for our call for spring images.



Senior Leadership Message

Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of my time as your Administrator, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside you at EPA. Thanks to your hard work, the Agency has made great progress realizing our mission to protect human health and the environment—an accomplishment list way too long to compile in one email.

As I told the President in our [Agency exit memo](#), I am proud to have run my leg of the race with steadfast vigor, leaving a healthy EPA.

Thank you for your support and your unwavering commitment to science and the law.

Sincerely,

Gina
Gina McCarthy

Visit the [EPA Transition site](#) to keep up to date on planning for the Presidential transition.

Hot Topics

Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg announces new EPA exhibit

Last January, the Administrator had the opportunity to visit an environmental exhibit in Japan that included among other things Japanese dealt with the issue of mercury poisoning. When she returned home, she talked with us about EPA having a place a public learn about the many ways we have helped to improve public health and the environment.

Today, I am very pleased to announce the opening of the new exhibit in the Ronald Reagan Building, "The Story of the Environment: Protecting Public Health and the Environment." The exhibit takes you through the history of environmental protection in America. EPA protects public health and the environment by safeguarding the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land on which

It brings to life the many ways the EPA studies public health and environmental issues, sets national standards, responds to natural disasters and enforces environmental laws. With historical artifacts, imagery and videos, visitors will discover how environmental protection has helped America's health, prosperity and innovation.

We were very fortunate to work with the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibits Group, who designed, manufactured and installed the exhibit. The General Services Administration and OARM's Office of Administration, who helped to re-purpose the exhibit space. I want to thank Joanne Amorosi of OARM for her tireless leadership and energy in bringing the exhibit across the finish line, as we officially closed the exhibit this afternoon.

The exhibit occupies space on the Mezzanine Level of the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) (M112) that previously housed the Environmental Protection Agency. Approximately 25 to 35 visitors can visit the space at any one time.

I hope you will take time to visit the exhibit and enjoy learning about the proud 46-year history of the EPA, our many accomplishments in protecting public health and the environment over those years, and the ongoing work throughout the agency. I also hope you will encourage your professional associates to visit the exhibit when they are in Washington, D.C.

The self-guided exhibit will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed, on federal holidays). It is free and no ID/security screening is required for RRB access. In February, we will more broadly promote its opening to the many visitors and employees of the RRB.

For further information, visit www.epa.gov/exhibit (webpage will go live Jan. 23).

Updates on automakers' Clean Air Act violations

EPA Notifies Fiat Chrysler of Clean Air Act Violations

On Jan. 12, EPA issued a notice of violation to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and FCA US LLC (collectively FCA) for alleged

Act for installing and failing to disclose engine management software in light-duty model year 2014, 2015, and 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram 1500 trucks with 3.0 liter diesel engines sold in the United States. The undisclosed software results in increased emissions from the vehicles. The allegations cover roughly 104,000 vehicles. EPA is working in coordination with the California Air Resources Board. EPA also issued a notice of violation to FCA. EPA and CARB have both initiated investigations based on FCA's alleged actions. [Learn more](#)

Volkswagen Agrees to Plead Guilty

On Jan. 11, Administrator Gina McCarthy joined U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch at a press conference at the U.S. Department of Justice to announce that Volkswagen AG (VW) has agreed to plead guilty to three criminal felony counts and pay a \$2.8 billion criminal penalty for its company's long-running scheme to sell approximately 590,000 diesel vehicles in the United States by using a defeat device to evade emissions mandated by the EPA and the CARB, and by lying and obstructing justice to further the scheme. [Learn more.](#)

2016 Annual Environmental Enforcement Results

EPA recently announced its 2016 annual enforcement and compliance results, highlighted by a series of high-impact cases that

environmental and public health benefits to communities across the country. During fiscal 2016, which spanned Oct. 1, 2015 – enforcement actions secured \$13.7 billion in investments by companies for projects to control pollution. EPA also secured enforcement to ensure the proper treatment, storage, and disposal of an estimated 62 billion pounds of hazardous waste, the majority coming from [Mosaic Fertilizer](#) for their eight facilities across Florida and Louisiana.

Two recent landmark settlements — one with BP Exploration & Production and one with Volkswagen — are among the most impactful environmental cases in U.S. history. On April 4, 2016, the court entered an agreement with [BP](#) for a \$20.8 billion settlement for Clean Water Act violations stemming from the Deepwater Horizon blowout and resulting oil spill, with more than \$20 billion going to remediate communities and the environment. In a case that was lodged in fiscal 2015 but not entered by the court until Oct. 25, 2016, [Volkswagen](#) agreed to pay up to \$14.7 billion on projects to reduce air pollution, remedy environmental damage and buy back 2.0 liter diesel vehicles to stop the use of illegal software to cheat emissions tests and deceive customers.

Read more on EPA's [Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2016](#) website.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and remain working full time in public service to reduce their student loans. Under this tax-free program, federal employees may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on their loans after 120 qualifying payments have been made. To qualify for PSLF, borrowers must:

- ✓ Work for their federal agency fulltime;
- ✓ Have qualifying federal Direct Loans; and
- ✓ Repay their loans under a qualifying repayment plan, either an income-driven repayment plan or the 10-year standard

For borrowers to qualify for PSLF, they need to be on a qualifying repayment plan and submit an [Employment Certification Form](#) annually to confirm for borrowers that they work for an eligible employer and are making qualifying payments towards loan forgiveness. It is important to certify early and often — once a year or any time a borrower's employer changes. [Learn more.](#)

Contact your organization's [Shared Services Center Point of Contact](#) if you have questions related to completing the Employment Certification Form.

Key Dates

Video Spotlight



Click on each event below to get more details.
Click on the "Add to Calendar" button to add an event to your Outlook calendar.
If you see a log-in screen, please click on your EPA email, or if prompted, enter your email and network password.

Happening This Week:

Jan. 17: [2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration with Administrator McCarthy](#) 

Jan. 19: [Webinar: How to Use Online CFRs](#) 

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day

Coming Soon:

Feb. 20: [President's Day holiday observed](#) 



[#TestForRadon](#)

[Making a Visible Difference in Newburgh Stakeholders Together](#)

EPA is working to bring focused attention and resources to more than 50 environmentally overburdened, underserved and distressed communities. This involves listening to residents to understand their needs and then working with other federal partners to leverage our collective resources to achieve local goals. In this video, watch how we are helping Newburgh, NY, bring stakeholders together to work on economic development in the city.



(Video length 1:01)

Health & Wellness

IT Corner

EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge

Beware of VISHING

EPA is committed to providing employees with a healthy work-

The number of reported vishing attempts at EPA has significantly increased in recent months. Vishing is a telephone scam where cyber criminals call you posing as legitimate companies or organizations, such as a helpdesk, bank, or credit card company, in an attempt to obtain sensitive information. Successful vishing attempts allow cyber criminals to obtain information, such as login credentials or personally identifiable information, and gain access to your computer in some cases.

Protect Yourself

- Ask for identification and a call back number.
- Determine if the call is unsolicited or a cold call.
- Never give out sensitive or personal information over the caller's identity and need to know.
- Don't trust caller ID.
- If vishing is suspected, document the call – the informant, caller's phone number, and any other pertinent information. Report the incident to the EPA Call Center.

Knowledge is key to thwarting vishing attempts and protecting

- Know how to contact the [EPA Call Center](#) [1-866-411-1234].
- Know your [Information Security Officer \(ISO\)](#).
- Know how to [Report an Incident](#).

For more information about vishing and other cybersecurity threats, see the [Informational Advisories](#).

life balance. To promote a physically active lifestyle for all employees and encourage friendly competition among EPA locations, register for the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge.

Running from Jan. 16 – April 16, the challenge will motivate and support participants as they track their daily steps and “step up” their activity levels to accrue as many steps as possible. While there is no specific recommendation for daily number of steps, the American College of Sports Medicine suggests 10,000 steps (five miles) per day as a good long-term goal. In addition to the primary challenge goal of taking more steps each day, participants can also log minutes of light-, moderate-, and vigorous-intensity exercise not otherwise covered by tracking steps. The more steps and minutes of exercise tracked, the greater the number of points earned.

Participants will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points for their location’s team by completing a bi-weekly wellness challenge. Visit the [Challenge site](#) to register, and check it often throughout the challenge to see the rankings of top locations and individuals.

For more information about the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge, contact your [wellness coordinator](#) or visit the [Challenge site](#). We look forward to your participation and wish you luck with your fitness goals.

We would love to hear your feedback about this newsletter. Please contact us at: internalcomms@epa.gov | <http://intranet.epa.gov/internalcomms>
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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Dear Gina,

You have been on my mind more than ever these past few weeks. I just wanted to thank you most sincerely for the tremendous work you have done as EPA Administrator – the country's environment is far, far better now than before your tenure, thanks to your tenacity, vision and leadership. Thank you for all you have done for everyone. You are an inspiration to us all.

Hope to see you in the near future,

Best wishes,
Susan

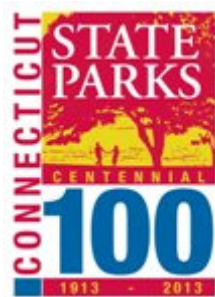
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Subject: Thank you!

Dear Administrator McCarthy,
Thank you for your leadership and service.
You have done much to uphold EPA's mission and
you should be very proud of your accomplishments.
We are moving into a precarious time with this and other agencies,
but I wish you the best of luck with your own personal future endeavors.
Sincerely,
Todd

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ADMINISTRATOR

Media Analyses: Pruitt Takes Aggressive Stance During Confirmation Hearing.

The [New York Times](#) (1/18, Davenport) reports that EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt "went on the offensive in his Senate confirmation hearing on Wednesday, criticizing federal rules protecting air and water and addressing climate change, and forcefully advocating a states' rights approach to environmental regulation." Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee Democrats "aggressively pressed" Pruitt on his record as Oklahoma attorney general, "noting that he has sued the E.P.A. 14 times in an effort to block federal air and water pollution regulations." The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Dennis) reports that Pruitt "declined to say Wednesday whether he would recuse himself from those ongoing cases if confirmed as the agency's new leader."

[The Hill](#) (1/18, Henry) reports that Pruitt's opening statements emphasized the need for the EPA to work with states, and calling on the agency to listen "to the views of all interested stakeholders, including the states, so that it can determine how to realize its missions while considering true pragmatic impacts of its decisions on jobs, communities and most importantly families." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/18, Harder) reports that Pruitt rebuked the idea of the EPA as a legislative body, and instead characterized it as an administrative agency.

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/19, Crabtree) reports that the hearing went into "record-breaking overtime." Chairman of the EPW Committee, Sen. John Barrasso, attempted to discourage Democrats from moving into a fourth round of questions for Pruitt, calling the move "unprecedented." The committee asked Pruitt "more than double the amount of questions" that were asked of EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

Pruitt Offers Qualifications To His Position On Climate Change. [ABC News](#) (1/18, Phelps) reports that in contradiction to President-elect Trump's statements that climate change is

a hoax, Pruitt acknowledged, "science tells us that the climate is changing and that human activity in some manner impacts that change." However, [Reuters](#) (1/18) reports that Pruitt "expressed doubt about the science behind climate change" by questioning how capable scientists are at measuring the extent of its impact. On the other hand, Pruitt did agree to "uphold the EPA's finding carbon dioxide poses a public danger." [Newsweek](#) (1/18, Main) reports that Sen. Bernie Sanders "grilled Pruitt over his views on climate change," telling the nominee that "97 percent of scientists who have published in peer-reviewed journals believe that it's real." Sen. Sanders further prodded by asking for Pruitt's personal opinion on climate change, to which Pruitt responded, "my personal opinion is immaterial." The [Chicago Tribune](#) (1/18, Halper) quoted Pruitt as saying the issue of climate change had become overly emotional, therefore, "we should not succumb to personalizing matters."

The [Washington Times](#) (1/18, Wolfgang) says Pruitt "has been a leading thorn in the side of the EPA for the last six years." He told the committee that "the country wants change at the EPA and that he's committed to both protect the environment and take advantage of the nation's vast energy resources."

Democrats Grill Pruitt On Ties To Energy Industry. The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Weigel) additionally reports that while Democrats "tried to grill Pruitt over donations" from energy firms "that he would be in charge of regulating," Republicans "turned that line of questioning against the Democrats, saying they were trying to undermine a good man – and the good people of a major American industry." [Bloomberg News](#) (1/18, Dlouhy) reports that Republican Sens. James Inhofe and James Lankford "portrayed Pruitt as a fighter, willing to take on oil companies as well as overreaching regulations." Meanwhile, the [AP](#) (1/18, Biesecker, Daly) reports that environmentalists opposed to Pruitt "cite his cozy relationships with oil and gas industry executives who have donated generously his political campaigns." Pruitt did little to convince his detractors when at the hearing he told senators he "intended to work cooperatively with states and industry to return the federal watchdog to what he called its proper role." The [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/17, Leavensworth) also provides coverage.

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/18, Dlouhy) reports "critics have seized" on EPA administrator nominee Scott Pruitt's move to intervene on behalf of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. when it sought \$500 million for pollution scrubbers, despite Oklahoma's "embarrassment of energy riches" and rejection of the proposal by both ratepayers and regulators, calling Pruitt's actions a demonstration of "misplaced priorities." AARP and others pushed back against the proposal, calling it too expensive for consumers, and the scrubber installation is currently under court challenge. Bloomberg holds Pruitt's tenure as Oklahoma Attorney General as a "window into how Pruitt might lead the agency," highlighting Pruitt's "long and deep ties to the energy industry," including donations from Oklahoma Gas & Electric.

Pruitt Won't Commit To Maintaining California's Power To Regulate Auto Emissions. The [Hartford \(CT\) Courant](#) (1/18) reports that Pruitt would not commit to maintaining the "decades-old federal waiver that allows California to set emissions standards stricter than elsewhere in the United States." His comments were strongly protested by Democratic lawmakers in both Washington and Sacramento, who "charged that Pruitt, a self-styled crusader for states' rights, is less committed to the principle when states pursue policies that reduce the profits of big corporations." The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/18, Halper) also provides coverage. The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/18, Leavenworth) reports Harris said, "I have real concerns on where he will go on that issue, and others," warning that if Pruitt revokes the waiver allowing California to enact stronger emission standards than the Federal government that "it could do real harm to California." The article adds that "historically, the EPA has approved California's waiver requests, except during the

administration of George W. Bush, when his EPA administrator, in 2008, rejected California's proposal to mandate fuel efficiency standards to reduce greenhouse gases."

Commentary: Pruitt's Stance On Environmental Issues Is Bad For Latinos. In a guest column in the [Huffington Post](#), (1/18, Wilkes) Brent A. Wilkes, National Executive Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens, writes that Pruitt's views on environmental protections is "specifically troubling to Latino communities." Wilkes cites a study that found nearly "1.78 million Latinos live in counties with cancer risks about the EPA's minimum threshold of safety," which "underscore[s] the disproportionate impact that climate change is having on Latino communities."

Republicans Blame EPA For Flint Water Crisis In EPA Nominee's Hearing.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Weigel) "PowerPost" reports Republicans used the congressional confirmation hearing of EPA nominee Scott Pruitt to attribute the Flint water crisis as one of the EPA's making, as opposed to a crisis caused "by a confluence of factors," including deregulation measures made at the state level by the administration of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. According to the Post, though the claim made by Republicans was disputed by Democrats, "No Democrat used time to disagree, but a trap was set later when Pruitt was pressed on whether lead was toxic to humans. 'I haven't looked at the scientific research,' said Pruitt, making clear that lead was toxic but giving opponents a quote to use." [ABC News](#) (1/18) reports that Pruitt "said the EPA holds a degree of responsibility" for the Flint water crisis, and suggested that the agency become more "proactive."

Continuing Coverage: NAM Launches Multi-State Ad Campaign To Support Pruitt Confirmation.

[E&E Daily](#) (1/17) reports that environmental groups are gearing up for a "major battle" in Scott Pruitt's confirmation hearing this week as US EPA administrator. However, despite their opposition, environmental leaders have "acknowledged they face an uphill climb in blocking Pruitt's confirmation." [Reuters](#) (1/18) also covered the NAM's ad campaign, saying it included "three television ads calling on viewers to contact their senators in support of" Pruitt's confirmation.

Additional Reading.

- *EPA Nominee Will Review Vehicle Emissions Rules.* [Reuters](#). (1/18) (1/18)

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- *Another Settlement For Navajo Nation Abandoned Mines Cleanup.* [AP](#) (1/18)
- *Company Must Remove Debris At East Cleveland Dump Site.* [AP](#). (1/18)

CLIMATE CHANGE

NASA, NOAA Say 2016 Was Hottest Year On Record.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/18, Khan) reports that independent analyses by NASA and NOAA show that 2016 "was the hottest year on record in more than 100 years of record-keeping." According to NOAA, this is "the third year in a row that global temperatures have reached record-shattering levels," and NASA "added that the global average temperature for 2016 was 1.78 degrees higher

than a baseline period between 1951 and 1980.” [The Hill](#) (1/18, Cama) quotes Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, who told reporters on Wednesday, “The main take-home result here is that the trends that we’ve been seeing since the 1970s are continuing and have not paused in any way.” According to [USA Today](#) (1/18, Rice), “data sets in the United Kingdom and Japan this week also concurred with the findings from the U.S. agencies.” The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, A1, Mooney) calls the analyses “a powerful testament to the warming of the planet,” and says that the record “comes just two days before Donald Trump, who has tweeted that global warming is a ‘hoax,’ assumes the presidency.” In a second story, the [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Samenow) shares scientists’ reactions to the news, several of whom “urged action on the part of decision-makers,” and one of whom described the future as a “new unknown.”

Haley Says Climate Change “On The Table” At UN.

[Greenwire](#) (1/18) reports Nikki Haley said she would bring fresh perspective to the UN and that climate change issues would remain “on the table” if she is confirmed as US ambassador to the body. Haley, “a relative newcomer to the foreign policy space,” referred to the eight overseas trade and business recruitment missions she completed since being elected in 2010. Haley said in her role as South Carolina governor, she witnessed foreign businesses being turned off by the “regulations and burdens” imposed by the federal government. On Paris commitments, she said, “We don’t want to do it at the peril of our businesses and our industries along the way.” The [Washington Post](#) (1/18) posts a video segment of the exchange on climate change.

Additional Reading.

- *If Trump Wants To Dismantle Obama’s EPA Rules, Here Are All The Obstacles He’ll Face.* [Vox](#). (12/7, Plumer)

OTHER NEWS

Perry Confirmation Hearing To Become Next DOE Secretary To Happen Today.

In ongoing coverage of former Texas governor Rick Perry’s upcoming Senate confirmation hearing to become the next energy secretary, [The Hill](#) (1/18, Cama, Henry) reports Perry’s “nomination is not considered to be too controversial,” however, he is “likely to face questions about how he will oversee the nation’s nuclear arsenal,” the Department of Energy’s largest responsibility. In addition, Perry “will face Democratic inquiries about the science behind climate change, DOE’s clean energy research and a Trump team questionnaire seeking names of agency employees involved in climate work.”

[McClatchy](#) (1/18, Daugherty) reports that although Perry “is expected to sail through the confirmation process,” Sens. Bernie Sanders and Al Franken “known for their tough and often sarcastic lines of questioning, sit on the committee that will grill Perry.” McClatchy notes that Perry “is well-connected in the oil and gas industry and will likely face questioning over his willingness to continue scientific research and ensure that current staffers in the Energy Department would not face a ‘witch hunt’ over their work on climate change from the Trump administration.”

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/18, Morrongiello) reports Perry will be introduced at the confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin. [E&E Publishing](#) (1/18) reports Manchin signaled to reporters on Wednesday that Perry will “call for deep reforms at the Energy Department and step back from his earlier calls to dismantle DOE.” Manchin said that Perry has a “good answer” about why he wanted

to get rid of the agency in the past. Manchin said he told Perry during a past conversation, "That's great. Tell us what it is you want to do [at DOE]," and, according to Manchin, Perry responded, "I think that's what I am going to do." Five years ago, "Perry became a political punchline...when he forgot the name of the agency he wanted to eliminate in a nationally televised presidential primary debate."

[ABC News](#) (1/18) reports on its website that Perry was chosen by President-elect Trump "to serve as his Secretary of Energy on December 14, nearly a year-and-a-half after a contentious primary season where the two ran against each other." When he announced Perry for the post, "Trump praised his gubernatorial record in Texas, saying he had produced millions of jobs and lower energy prices when he ran the state."

Former DOE Secretaries Abraham, Richardson Strongly Endorse Perry For Post.

Former energy secretaries Spencer Abraham, a Republican, and Bill Richardson, a Democrat, write in an op-ed for the [Washington Times](#) (1/18, Abraham, Richardson) that "as former energy secretaries in a Republican and Democratic administration, we can say with complete confidence that President-elect Donald Trump has made an excellent choice in nominating Rick Perry to be secretary of energy." Abraham and Richardson say Perry has exactly "the background, skill set and vision needed to effectively oversee the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and guide the nation's energy strategies." The former DOE secretaries conclude, "We can think of no one better equipped than Rick Perry to use sound judgment, decisive management, transformative science and technological solutions to address America's energy challenges."

NYTimes: Perry Initially Misunderstood Role Of Energy Secretary. The [New York Times](#) (1/18, Davenport, Sanger) reports that when Perry accepted the offer by Trump to become the next DOE secretary he "believ[ed] he was taking on a role as a global ambassador for the American oil and gas industry" but soon after, he "discovered that he would be" doing "no such thing — that in fact, if confirmed by the Senate, he would become the steward of a vast national security complex he knew almost nothing about, caring for the most fearsome weapons on the planet, the United States' nuclear arsenal." Michael McKenna, who worked with the Trump transition Department of Energy team, said, "If you asked him on that first day he said yes, he would have said, 'I want to be an advocate for energy. ... If you asked him now, he'd say, 'I'm serious about the challenges facing the nuclear complex.' It's been a learning curve." [The Hill](#) (1/18, Shelbourne) provides coverage of the Times report.

DMN: Perry's Record On Science As Governor "Questionable." The [Dallas Morning News](#) (1/18) reports that in all of the missions of the Energy Department, "science is front and center." But as Texas governor, "Perry built a questionable record when it comes to science." According to the Morning News, "he has a pattern of supporting offbeat medical theories while dismissing the established science on climate change." In addition, "his record of using public funds to boost technology and research in Texas is littered with poor management and allegations of cronyism." A piece by [Science Magazine](#) (1/10) offers ten questions scientists might have for Perry, like "what is the role of science at DOE?" and "is ARPA-E working, and should its funding be increased?"

Texas Democrat Throws Support Behind Perry. The [McAllen \(TX\) Monitor](#) (1/18) reports Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat from Texas, has thrown "his support behind former Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry for Energy Secretary in a statement issued Wednesday morning." Cuellar stated, "My district is rich with natural resources and with Governor Perry directing state energy policy we set records for job growth and increased revenue to our schools and small businesses." He added, "Energy security contributes to our national security and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to vote yes on Governor Perry's nomination as Secretary of Energy."

PUC's Nelson Says Perry Will Be "Refreshing Change." In a wide-ranging interview with [E&E Publishing](#) (1/18, Klump), Donna Nelson, Public Utility Commission of Texas chairwoman, who was originally appointed to the panel by Perry, was asked, "What are your thoughts on Texans expected to be in the Trump administration?" Nelson responded, "I am obviously a huge fan of Governor Perry, so [I am] very happy that he will be heading up DOE. I think that will be a refreshing change. I think he'll be looking at the programs that DOE administers in the same way that he directed policy when he was at the governor's office."

Pfannenstiel: Perry Good For Retail Energy. Darrin Pfannenstiel, president of the Retail Energy Supply Association, writes for the "Pundits Blog" of [The Hill](#) (1/18, Pfannenstiel) that a "good indication" that Perry "will be an effective Energy secretary is," that during his tenure as governor, "he presided over a highly successful transition from monopoly regulation to competition and customer choice in electric power." Pfannenstiel concludes that in selecting Perry, Trump "has found someone for the Energy Department who followed his instincts about the power of the market to deliver value to consumers and turned the electricity world right-side up in his home state."

Matthews Calls On Perry To "Refocus" Energy Department. Merrill Matthews, a resident scholar with the Institute for Policy Innovation, urges in the [Washington Examiner](#) (1/18, Giaritelli) for Perry to "reign in, downsize and refocus DOE." He calls on Perry to "eliminate all mandates and subsidies for energy sources," "scale back and rationalize energy research," "expedite approval of liquefied natural gas terminals" and "end the Strategic Petroleum Reserve."

Steyer Sees "No Limit" To Spending Against Trump Agenda.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/18, McCormick, Allison) reports billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer "said he can't begin to estimate how much of his fortune he'll put toward fighting Donald Trump's presidency." Steyer said in an interview Tuesday that while it is unclear "how much of their campaign rhetoric they're going to try to put into action," it is "the most broad-based and dangerous attack on American values certainly that I have ever experienced in my lifetime." Steyer called Scott Pruitt an "extreme and dangerous choice" to lead the EPA. Steyer hasn't made a decision to run for office, saying that he is focused on NextGen Climate's environmental protection goals.

PESTICIDES

Monsanto, EPA Mark Glyphosate Reviews "Confidential."

The [Huffington Post](#) (1/18, Gillam) reports that lawyers and plaintiffs in the California case involving non-Hodgkin lymphoma allegedly connected with Monsanto's Roundup exposure are urging courts to "lift a seal on documents that detail Monsanto's interactions with former top EPA brass Jess Rowland regarding the EPA's safety assessment of glyphosate." Monsanto and the EPA reject the requests and have marked the assessment as "confidential." The article details the relationship between Monsanto and the EPA and highlights that Monsanto is "adamant that its documents not be made public." According to Monsanto, public access to "a few select internal corporate documents taken out of context... would be prejudicial to Monsanto and could cause reputational harm."

RULES/REGULATIONS/POLICY

Fuel Economy Gains Flatten Amid Low Gasoline Prices, Customer Demand for Larger Vehicles.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/18, Roberts) reports analysts say automobiles bought in the US were becoming more efficient each year until gas prices started falling in the second half of 2014. Sales of larger vehicles typically boost profits for automakers, but could complicate meeting emissions standards. Speaking on consumer tastes, Ludwig Willis sales executive said last week that buyers want to ride higher and have more cargo room.

Additional Reading.

- *Trump's EPA Pick Says He Would Honor Timelines, Intent Of Biofuels Program.* [Yahoo! News](#). (1/18)

TOXICS/TSCA

FDA, EPA Issue Guidance Advising Pregnant Women On Which Fish To Avoid.

[TIME](#) (1/18, Sifferlin) reports the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency "issued its final guidance on fish consumption, geared to pregnant and breast-feeding women, and parents of young children." Specifically, they advise "women who are pregnant and breast-feeding and parents of young children should avoid seven fish that are high in mercury: tilefish from the Gulf of Mexico, shark, swordfish, orange roughy, bigeye tuna, marlin, and king mackerel." Additional coverage is provided by [HealthDay](#) (1/18, Preidt).

WATER

House Democrats Ask Oversight Chairman To Reopen Flint Water Crisis Probe.

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/18, Spangler) reports Democrats on the US House Oversight and Government Reform Committee sent a letter to committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz requesting that he reopen the investigation into the Flint water crisis and "that he subpoena Gov. Rick Snyder to force him to compel requested documents and refer three former Flint emergency managers to the Justice Department for potentially misleading the committee." In the letter, Representatives Cummings and Lawrence said, "We owe it to ... thousands of children of Flint to make good on our promises to investigate how this disaster occurred, hold accountable all of those who were responsible, and oversee the Flint recovery process which continues to be beset with delays." [Congressional Quarterly](#) (1/18, Dillon) also provides coverage.

City Of Flint Marks 1,000 Days Since Water Crisis Began.

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/19, Manzullo) reports that it has been 1,000 days since the city of Flint shut off the tap water they'd been receiving from the Lake Huron water source and began drawing from the Flint River, marking the start of the Flint water crisis. During his State of the State address on Tuesday, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder discussed the progress that has been made, including more than 600 lead pipes replaced, although "city residents are still unable to drink tap water without a filter due to the lead contamination that began when the water supply was switched that day in 2014."

[TIME](#) (1/18, Sanburn) reports that a "working group tasked with monitoring the city's water...says the water quality is improving but still unsafe to drink without a filter." Meanwhile, Marc Edwards, the environmental engineer who first independently confirmed the water's high lead levels says that his testing shows that "there's no reason to believe the water in Flint is any more dangerous than other U.S. cities."

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From: Jason Bordoff <jbordoff@sipa.columbia.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:17 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Automatic reply: Reuters - Jason Bordoff - Policymakers: Don't Take Clean Air For Granted

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I am traveling with very limited email access. If you need assistance, please contact Jesse McCormick at jmccormick@columbia.edu (212) 851-0188, or Kaime Desire at kd2325@sipa.columbia.edu (212) 851-9670.

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Blog Post re Collaboration
Attachments: removed.txt

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

From: Bob Perciasepe [<mailto:bobperciasepe@c2es.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Bob Martineau <Bob.Martineau@tn.gov>; Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>; Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>; Rupp, Mark <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Blog Post re Collaboration

Hi Bob and thank you for this.
You should know that the feelings of collaboration are mutual.
I see Mark wants to share at EPA, I would love to tweet on it. Are you OK with that? I am correct thinking it is already public.

Bob

Bob Perciasepe
President | C2ES
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From: Robert Martineau <Bob.Martineau@tn.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 12:58 PM
To: "Gina McCarthy" (McCarthy.gina@Epa.gov) <McCarthy.gina@Epa.gov>, Stan Meiburg <meiburg.stan@epa.gov>, Bob Perciasepe <bobperciasepe@c2es.org>, "Rupp, Mark" <Rupp.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Blog Post re Collaboration

Gina , Stan , and Mark

I wanted to share a blog post I wrote last week for the American College of Environmental lawyers. Alex Dunn, Martha Rudolph, Janet Coit and I are all members of the college. It can be found at link below and document attached.

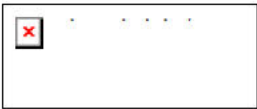
<http://www.acoel.org/>

Thanks you again for your dedication and service to this country and to protecting public health and the environment.

I hope our paths will cross again soon.

Wishing you all the best.

Bob, you have already gone on to other ventures but you too were an instrumental part of reshaping the EPA/State relationship.



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From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Thank you

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

From: Laurie Burt (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Thank you

Dear Administrator McCarthy (Gina) –

In these closing days of the Obama Administration and your tenure as an exemplary leader of EPA, I just want to say thank you and how proud I am of all you've accomplished at EPA for the states, the nation, the Tribes and - yes – for the planet. You are and have always been a great listener, to all voices and interests, and you make people feel they've been heard – regardless of differences in opinion and sometimes outcomes. Anyone who has had a serious audience or conversation with you, will honestly confirm they did feel respected and heard by you (and you made them laugh!). In today's popular vilification of the "other", that is a rare talent, one that we will need to value and practice mightily in the days ahead.

So, thank you for your leadership, for your amazing team, for your service, for being Gina. See you around Beantown and we look forward to having you come home.

Very best, always-
Laurie

Laurie Burt, LLC / (b) (6)

Ferris, Lena

From: Herckis, Arian
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Checked with Ken

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From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Herckis, Arian <Herckis.Arian@epa.gov>
Subject: Checked with Ken

Just wanted you to know that I checked in with Ken and he decided to pass on tomorrow.

Ferris, Lena

From: Garbow, Avi
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Meiburg, Stan; Distefano, Nichole; Grantham, Nancy; Fritz, Matthew; Rupp, Mark; McCabe, Janet
Subject: Obama EPA's CAA Track Record
Attachments: Obama Administration Court Record in Significant CAA Cases.pdf
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Administrator,

As your General Counsel (and prior to that, in my role as Deputy General Counsel), I have striven to ensure that the Agency's rules and regulations are consistent with the law, and found to be such when litigated in our nation's courts. This Agency, under your leadership and that of our prior Administrator, Lisa Jackson, has done remarkably well in terms of issuing regulations that clean our air, water, and soil, protect human health and the environment, and do so under the full authority of our core environmental laws. And the courts have robustly agreed.

As we discussed, I did a focused review of our regulations issued under the Clean Air Act, and particularly those significant actions that were challenged in and decided by the D.C. Circuit and the Supreme Court. Attached, please find a memo from me to you describing the results of my review. They show a litigation success rate likely unrivaled in past Administrations, and exemplify the hard work done by so many at EPA (OGC, OAR, OP, and others) as well as our colleagues at DOJ. These regulations, and court victories, translate directly into wins for the American people.

Regards,

Avi

Avi Garbow
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Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Job Well Done-You Are Still Needed

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From: Joel Gordes [mailto:gordesj@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Job Well Done-You Are Still Needed

Dear Gina,

A bit late for me to say it but you have been spectacular in your job as EPA head but, then again, I would expect no less of you in that. After you decompress for some period of time, lease consider taking other leadership role. I already have people who want you as a speaker but told them to cool it (and the planet) for a while.

Very Best Regards,
Joel N. Gordes
(860) 561-0566

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"...the problem at hand, which is that centrally generated electricity is a vulnerable genie. In order to be used it must travel on an ugly, complex and inefficient labyrinth of wires and substations...Even from a security view (national or otherwise) such a fragile system is suicide." Gordes-February 1978 in a published Hartford Courant Letter to the editor.

"While microgrids in general can enhance resiliency of power, when the Smart Grid makes use of widely commercial software architecture it has the capacity to greatly enlarge the number of new entry points to the grid to would-be intruders...we could be exposing ourselves to massive intrusions into the critical infrastructure that controls the operations of our electric grid with unintended consequences." -- Gordes in NE Sun, *Smart Grids: The Promise and the Perils*. Fall 2010 pp. 31-32

Ferris, Lena

From: Deese, Brian C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: Last at in the office

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Here here. See you on the other side.

-----Original Message-----

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina [mailto:Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:55 AM
To: Deese, Brian C. EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: Last at in the office

We did good. Thank you.

See you in Boston.

Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Thank you!

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From: Hammer, Diana
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you!

Thank you, again, Gina. You made my day! 😊

- Diana

Diana Hammer
(406) 457-5040

From: Mccarthy, Gina
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:09 AM
To: Hammer, Diana <Hammer.Diana@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you!

Diane – it is me who should be thanking you for all your great work. Keep it up! The world needs EPA’s help now more than ever, especially tribal nations who struggle in so many way. Thank you!

Gina

From: Hammer, Diana
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you, Administrator McCarthy!

I have worked for EPA for nearly 30 years (HQ, Region 8 and for the last 16 years in Montana) and I want you to know that I have never been more proud to work for an Administrator!

Your leadership and vision have allowed people like me, working on the ground, to be involved in some really good projects. Thank you for the opportunity!

For instance, I want you to know that we are continuing the work we began in Poplar with the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck) as part of the MVD initiative; that the story of the Milltown Dam removal told in the Sustainability video continues – with new trails planned to further connect the community; and that I am continuing to seek

opportunities in my work with Tribes to bring biomimicry and traditional ecological knowledge to bear on environmental and public health problems in Indian Country (talks in 2016 for the National Tribal Science Council and ORD's SHC).

There are many dedicated staff at EPA and you have inspired us. Thank you for all you have done for EPA - and the world - you have been absolutely awesome on climate change!

I wish you the best – the world is better for your work and vision!

Sincerely,

- Diana

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From: This Week @ EPA
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:53 AM
To: This Week @ EPA <epanews@epa.gov>
Subject: This Week @ EPA - Jan. 17, 2017



January 17, 2017

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The Office of Internal Communications thanks everyone who submitted winter photos for our consideration. We received more than 70 images of them in our winter issues. If you missed the opportunity to submit a winter image, be on the lookout in March for our call for spring images.



Senior Leadership Message

Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of my time as your Administrator, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to work alongside you at EPA. Thanks to your hard work, the Agency has made realizing our mission to protect human health and the environment—an accomplishment list way too long to compile in one email.

As I told the President in our [Agency exit memo](#), I am proud to have run my leg of the race with steadfast vigor, leaving a healthy EPA.

Thank you for your support and your unwavering commitment to science and the law.

Sincerely,

Gina
Gina McCarthy

Visit the [EPA Transition site](#) to keep up to date on planning for the Presidential transition.

Hot Topics

Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg announces new EPA exhibit

Last January, the Administrator had the opportunity to visit an environmental exhibit in Japan that included among other things Japanese dealt with the issue of mercury poisoning. When she returned home, she talked with us about EPA having a place a public learn about the many ways we have helped to improve public health and the environment.

Today, I am very pleased to announce the opening of the new exhibit in the Ronald Reagan Building, "The Story of the Environment: Protecting Public Health and the Environment." The exhibit takes you through the history of environmental protection in America. EPA protects public health and the environment by safeguarding the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land on which

It brings to life the many ways the EPA studies public health and environmental issues, sets national standards, responds to natural disasters and enforces environmental laws. With historical artifacts, imagery and videos, visitors will discover how environmental protection has shaped America's health, prosperity and innovation.

We were very fortunate to work with the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibits Group, who designed, manufactured and installed the exhibit. General Services Administration and OARM's Office of Administration, who helped to re-purpose the exhibit space. I want to thank Joanne Amorosi of OARM for her tireless leadership and energy in bringing the exhibit across the finish line, as we officially closed the exhibit this afternoon.

The exhibit occupies space on the Mezzanine Level of the Ronald Reagan Building (RRB) (M112) that previously housed the EPA. Approximately 25 to 35 visitors can visit the space at any one time.

I hope you will take time to visit the exhibit and enjoy learning about the proud 46-year history of the EPA, our many accomplishments in protecting public health and the environment over those years, and the ongoing work throughout the agency. I also hope you will encourage your professional associates to visit the exhibit when they are in Washington, D.C.

The self-guided exhibit will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed, on federal holidays). It is free and no ID/security screening is required for RRB access. In February, we will more broadly promote its opening to the many visitors and staff at the RRB.

For further information, visit www.epa.gov/exhibit (webpage will go live Jan. 23).

Updates on automakers' Clean Air Act violations

[EPA Notifies Fiat Chrysler of Clean Air Act Violations](#)

On Jan. 12, EPA issued a notice of violation to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and FCA US LLC (collectively FCA) for alleged

Act for installing and failing to disclose engine management software in light-duty model year 2014, 2015, and 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Ram 1500 trucks with 3.0 liter diesel engines sold in the United States. The undisclosed software results in increased emissions from the vehicles. The allegations cover roughly 104,000 vehicles. EPA is working in coordination with the California Air Resources Board. EPA also issued a notice of violation to FCA. EPA and CARB have both initiated investigations based on FCA's alleged actions. [Learn more](#)

Volkswagen Agrees to Plead Guilty

On Jan. 11, Administrator Gina McCarthy joined U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch at a press conference at the U.S. Department of Justice to announce that Volkswagen AG (VW) has agreed to plead guilty to three criminal felony counts and pay a \$2.8 billion criminal penalty for its company's long-running scheme to sell approximately 590,000 diesel vehicles in the United States by using a defeat device to circumvent emissions mandated by the EPA and the CARB, and by lying and obstructing justice to further the scheme. [Learn more.](#)

2016 Annual Environmental Enforcement Results

EPA recently announced its 2016 annual enforcement and compliance results, highlighted by a series of high-impact cases that

environmental and public health benefits to communities across the country. During fiscal 2016, which spanned Oct. 1, 2015 – enforcement actions secured \$13.7 billion in investments by companies for projects to control pollution. EPA also secured enforcement to ensure the proper treatment, storage, and disposal of an estimated 62 billion pounds of hazardous waste, the majority coming from [Mosaic Fertilizer](#) for their eight facilities across Florida and Louisiana.

Two recent landmark settlements — one with BP Exploration & Production and one with Volkswagen — are among the most impactful environmental cases in U.S. history. On April 4, 2016, the court entered an agreement with [BP](#) for a \$20.8 billion settlement for Clean Water Act violations stemming from the Deepwater Horizon blowout and resulting oil spill, with more than \$20 billion going to remediate communities and the environment. In a case that was lodged in fiscal 2015 but not entered by the court until Oct. 25, 2016, [Volkswagen](#) agreed to pay up to \$14.7 billion on projects to reduce air pollution, remedy environmental damage and buy back 2.0 liter diesel vehicles to stop the use of illegal software to cheat emissions tests and deceive customers.

Read more on EPA's [Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2016](#) website.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program encourages individuals to enter and remain working full time in public service to reduce their student loans. Under this tax-free program, federal employees may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on their loans after 120 qualifying payments have been made. To qualify for PSLF, borrowers must:

- ✓ Work for their federal agency fulltime;
- ✓ Have qualifying federal Direct Loans; and
- ✓ Repay their loans under a qualifying repayment plan, either an income-driven repayment plan or the 10-year standard plan.

For borrowers to qualify for PSLF, they need to be on a qualifying repayment plan and submit an [Employment Certification Form](#) annually to confirm for borrowers that they work for an eligible employer and are making qualifying payments towards loan forgiveness. It is important to certify early and often — once a year or any time a borrower's employer changes. [Learn more.](#)

Contact your organization's [Shared Services Center Point of Contact](#) if you have questions related to completing the Employment Certification Form.

Key Dates

Video Spotlight



Click on each event below to get more details.
Click on the "Add to Calendar" button to add an event to your Outlook calendar.
If you see a log-in screen, please click on your EPA email, or if prompted, enter your email and network password.

Happening This Week:

Jan. 17: [2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Commemoration with Administrator McCarthy](#) 

Jan. 19: [Webinar: How to Use Online CFRs](#) 

Jan. 20: Inauguration Day

Coming Soon:

Feb. 20: [President's Day holiday observed](#) 



[#TestForRadon](#)

[Making a Visible Difference in Newburgh Stakeholders Together](#)

EPA is working to bring focused attention and resources to more than 50 environmentally overburdened, underserved and distressed communities. This involves listening to residents to understand their needs and then working with other federal partners to leverage our collective resources to meet local goals. In this video, watch how we are helping Newburgh, NY, bring stakeholders together to work on economic development in the city.



(Video length 1:01)

Health & Wellness

IT Corner

EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge

Beware of VISHING

EPA is committed to providing employees with a healthy work-

The number of reported vishing attempts at EPA has significantly increased in recent months. Vishing is a telephone scam where cyber criminals call you posing as legitimate companies or organizations, such as a helpdesk, bank, or credit card company, in an attempt to obtain sensitive information. Successful vishing attempts allow cyber criminals to obtain information, such as login credentials or personally identifiable information, and gain access to your computer in some cases.

Protect Yourself

- Ask for identification and a call back number.
- Determine if the call is unsolicited or a cold call.
- Never give out sensitive or personal information over the caller's identity and need to know.
- Don't trust caller ID.
- If vishing is suspected, document the call – the informant's name, the caller's phone number, and any other pertinent information. Report the incident to the EPA Call Center.

Knowledge is key to thwarting vishing attempts and protecting

- Know how to contact the [EPA Call Center](#) [1-866-411-1222].
- Know your [Information Security Officer \(ISO\)](#).
- Know how to [Report an Incident](#).

For more information about vishing and other cybersecurity threats, see the [Informational Advisories](#).

life balance. To promote a physically active lifestyle for all employees and encourage friendly competition among EPA locations, register for the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge.

Running from Jan. 16 – April 16, the challenge will motivate and support participants as they track their daily steps and “step up” their activity levels to accrue as many steps as possible. While there is no specific recommendation for daily number of steps, the American College of Sports Medicine suggests 10,000 steps (five miles) per day as a good long-term goal. In addition to the primary challenge goal of taking more steps each day, participants can also log minutes of light-, moderate-, and vigorous-intensity exercise not otherwise covered by tracking steps. The more steps and minutes of exercise tracked, the greater the number of points earned.

Participants will also have the opportunity to earn bonus points for their location’s team by completing a bi-weekly wellness challenge. Visit the [Challenge site](#) to register, and check it often throughout the challenge to see the rankings of top locations and individuals.

For more information about the EPA 2017 Step It Up Challenge, contact your [wellness coordinator](#) or visit the [Challenge site](#). We look forward to your participation and wish you luck with your fitness goals.

We would love to hear your feedback about this newsletter. Please contact us at: internalcomms@epa.gov | <http://intranet.epa.gov/internalcomms>
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Ferris, Lena

From: Janet McCabe (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Final message

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From: McCabe, Janet [mailto:McCabe.Janet@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Janet McCabe
Subject: Fwd: Final message

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McCabe, Janet" <McCabe.Janet@epa.gov>
Date: January 19, 2017 at 10:13:23 AM EST
To: OAR-WIDE-EVERYONE <OARWIDEEVERYONE@epa.gov>, OGC ARLO <OGC_ARLO@epa.gov>, Air Division Directors and Deputies <Air_Division_Directors_and_Deputies@epa.gov>, Air Program Managers - Regions <Air_Program_Managers_Regions@epa.gov>
Subject: Final message

Dear friends and colleagues--

The time has come for my last message to you all, and I bet you can guess who I will be thanking: ALL OF YOU. When I arrived in November of 2009, I thought I would spend about 3 years working with Gina McCarthy in OAR. Somehow, it turned into 7 ½ years and yet has gone by in a flash.

I want to thank you for all the wonderful messages I've received from you—some of which I haven't been able to read yet, because I ran out of kleenex. These messages, poems, photos, and even a drawing from one person's 12-year-old daughter are a lasting reminder not only of the fascinating issues we have worked on and important actions we have taken together to improve air quality but, even more, of the people I have had the honor and pleasure to work with every single day.

Here's what I will say to anyone who asks me about what it was like to work at EPA. EPA staff are the most committed, hard-working, knowledgeable, and creative professionals I have ever known, all of you, everywhere in the organization. You understand the importance of teamwork, collaboration, and transparency. You know that policies and programs are improved with the contributions of many and diverse voices. You know that EPA needs to sincerely seek, willingly consider, and respond to stakeholder input. You know that EPA's work needs to be based on full and transparent factual, technical, and legal foundations. You know that every person in this country deserves clean air, but many do not yet have it, and that billions more around the world benefit from the work we do here at EPA.

Thank you, my friends. With the greatest respect and affection,

Janet

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: SOGI Data Pilot--Congratulations; we achieved a 22% response rate!

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From: Monson, Mahri
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:23 PM
To: McCarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
Cc: Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>; Dunkin, Ann <Dunkin.Ann@epa.gov>; Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Subject: SOGI Data Pilot--Congratulations; we achieved a 22% response rate!

Administrator McCarthy and Matt,
I wanted to let you know we received 3314 responses to the voluntary EPA SOGI survey and achieved our goal with a 22% response rate! Your commitment to workplace equality and your incredible ongoing support of this pilot enabled its success; this would not have happened without you. I'm so grateful to you both. Your leadership on this already has and will continue to make a very real difference to EPA employees, and perhaps eventually to all federal employees, and to our families and communities. The SOGI Pilot is one of my proudest accomplishments at EPA, and, again, it absolutely would not be possible without you. It also would NOT be possible without Kevin, Avi and Ann. I'm WICKED proud of our commitment to workplace equality at EPA; thank you all!!!

Best of luck to you; we will miss you AND the legacy of your contributions for public health and EPA's employees will live on after you are gone.

Feel free to stay in touch if you want to hear more about progress as we move forward.

Congratulations and thank you again,
Mahri

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From: MassMailer
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Mass Mailer
Subject: Transition Update

Importance: High

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MESSAGE FROM THE
AGENCY'S
TRANSITION DIRECTOR

This email message is being sent to EPA employees.

Hi everyone,

As the Inauguration approaches, I wanted to share the latest transition news.

First, on Friday, January 13th, President Obama signed an [Executive Order](#) updating EPA's Order of Succession. Starting after the Inauguration on January 20, unless President Trump appoints another eligible official to serve as the Acting Administrator, Catherine McCabe, Region 2 Deputy Regional Administrator, will serve as the Acting Administrator* and Mike Flynn, Associate Deputy Administrator, will serve as the Acting Deputy Administrator.

Second, yesterday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held its confirmation hearing for Scott Pruitt, the President-elect's selection for EPA Administrator. The Senate must confirm the President-elect's nomination before Mr. Pruitt becomes the EPA Administrator. It is not clear at this time when the Senate will vote on his confirmation.

Third, we intend to maintain the [EPA Transition intranet site](#) as a source of information at least until the Administrator is confirmed.

Finally, I expect that this will be my last update as EPA's Transition Director. I truly have appreciated everyone's interest in and support of the Agency's transition activities. I would like to extend a special thanks to the folks in the regions and national program offices who provided a substantial level of support to this transition effort. Your dedication and diligence have been essential in fulfilling the President's commitment to a smooth and efficient transition.

Best,
Shannon Kenny
EPA Transition Director
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy

- * The Executive Order establishing the Order of Succession for EPA Administrator includes a provision that, "No individual who is serving in an office...in an acting capacity shall...act as Administrator pursuant to this order." After Inauguration, Catherine McCabe will be the first career official occupying a position listed in the Order of Succession who will not be acting in her position. As such, she will become Acting Administrator unless President Trump appoints another eligible official to serve in that role. Walter Mugdan, Director, EPA Region 2 Emergency and Remedial Response Division, will act as Regional Administrator for Region 2 while Catherine McCabe is Acting Administrator.

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: It's that time...

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From: Buffa, Nicole [mailto:nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Nikki Buffa (b) (6)
Subject: It's that time...

Hi All - Tomorrow is my last day at DOI, and I want to say THANK YOU with all my heart. It has truly been the privilege of a lifetime to work for this President and for this incredible team, doing work I had always dreamed of doing, with some of the best and most talented people I will ever know.

To my current and former DOI, White House, CEQ, and OFA colleagues: If I haven't had the chance to tell you personally over the last few weeks, I'll say it now - working with you has been the best part of the last nine years. Keep fighting the good fight from wherever you are and wherever you land. You changed the world, and you can do it again and again.

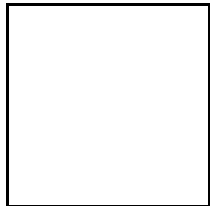
My personal information is below and I hope you will use it.

All my best always,
Nikki

PS - If this is not the right email for you, this is your personal email, or if this is an email you will soon lose, please send along your best contact info. I would love to stay in touch.

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From: Wachter, Eric
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To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Energy Extraction

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From: Robledo, Tony
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Mccarthy, Gina <McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Energy Extraction

Gina – as you reflect on your years at EPA just wanted to get your final thoughts on EPA’s Energy Extraction Production Initiative, specifically natural gas fracking, and any recommendations you may have on moving this forward with the next team?

Thank you and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Tony Robledo
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From: Garbow, Avi
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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Herckis, Arian; Distefano, Nichole
Cc: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Garbow, Avi; Meiburg, Stan; Fritz, Matthew; Grantham, Nancy; Flynn, Mike; McCabe, Catherine
Subject: RE: Tacos?

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Also veggie.

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Subject: RE: Tacos?
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Sounds great, but have to pass – Stan and I have plans to meet our OARM/OEI/OCFO group for lunch. Enjoy!

Thanks, Mike

Mike Flynn
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To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fw: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

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Gina--a request from Jennifer Haverkamp. I have not replied to her.

From: Atkinson, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:31 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Subject: FW: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

Passing this request along to you . . . I've already let Jennifer know I do not have contact information for Gina but would pass this request to you.

From: Haverkamp, Jennifer A [mailto:HaverkampJA@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Atkinson, Emily <Atkinson.Emily@epa.gov>
Cc: 'Jennifer Haverkamp' (b) (6)
Subject: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

Hi Emily,

If she is willing to share it, would you please let me know how to stay in touch with Administrator McCarthy after we both leave the government on Friday? (You may recall I was with her in Vienna and Kigali for the HFC negotiations.)

My future contact information is at the bottom of this message; please share it with her.

All the best,

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Veggie here .. thanks much

Nancy Grantham
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Stan

*A. Stanley Meiburg, Ph.D.
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Subject: RE: Tacos?

Absolutely. Veggie tacos for two. How about around 12:30. I am really hungry having resisted the dredded donuts.

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Subject: RE: Tacos?

Can Stacey Mitchell join us? If so, she's in for vegetarian tacos too!

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Subject: Tacos?

Want to come down for tacos? We can call in an order. If so, let me know what you want.

Ferris, Lena

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Re: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

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both phone and email, or just the latter?

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:44 AM
To: McCabe, Janet
Subject: RE: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

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From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

Gina--a request from Jennifer Haverkamp. I have not replied to her.

From: Atkinson, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 2:31 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Subject: FW: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

Passing this request along to you . . . I've already let Jennifer know I do not have contact information for Gina but would pass this request to you.

From: Haverkamp, Jennifer A [<mailto:HaverkampJA@state.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Atkinson, Emily <Atkinson.Emily@epa.gov>
Cc: 'Jennifer Haverkamp' (b) (6)
Subject: future contact information for Administrator McCarthy?

Hi Emily,

If she is willing to share it, would you please let me know how to stay in touch with Administrator McCarthy after we both leave the government on Friday? (You may recall I was with her in Vienna and Kigali for the HFC negotiations.)

My future contact information is at the bottom of this message; please share it with her.

All the best,

Jennifer A. Haverkamp

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Subject: An observation
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I love it.

Ferris, Lena

From: Knapp, Kristien
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Tacos won't be ready until 12:30

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I'm leaving now to pick them up, and I should be back around 12:45.

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Subject: RE: Blog

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Subject: Blog

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Subject: RE: Blog

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Will do

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From: Mccabe, Catherine
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: RE: An observation

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Thank you for including me in the taco invite. I will be joining the Stan lunch to get status reports from OCFO and OEI. Enjoy!

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OFF THE WIRES

Housing Starts Surge On Strength In Apartment Construction.

The Commerce Department reports today that housing starts rose 11.3 percent in December, coming in at an annual rate of 1.23 million units. Economists had expected 1.19 million starts. The surge was driven by a 53.9 percent increase in multi-family housing units. Single family housing starts were down 4 percent. Building permits, a proxy for future activity, were down 0.2 percent for the month.

Initial Jobless Claims Fall To Lowest Level Since 1970s.

The Labor Department reports today that first time jobless claims fell 15,000 to come in at 234,000 last week, the lowest level since November 1973. Economists had expected about 252,000 new claims. The four week moving average also was down, falling 10,250 to 246,750. Overall, the number of unemployment recipients was 2.05 million, down 7.7 percent from the same period one year ago.

Mortgage Rates Fall Slightly This Week.

Freddie Mac reports today that the average rate for 30 year fixed rate mortgages fell from 4.12 percent to 4.09 percent this week. The average rate for 15 year fixed rate mortgages also fell from 3.37 percent to 3.34 percent.

IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AROUND TOWN

Pence Says Trump Team Has Successfully Navigated Transition, Under Budget.

At the Trump transition briefing today, Vice President-elect Mike Pence delivered his report on the preparations for the incoming Trump Administration. Pence said, "It is a momentous day before a historic day. And I'm pleased to have a chance to report to the American people and to all of you the progress that we have made, at the President-elect's direction, preparing a team that will be ready to serve the American people and make America great again on day one.

"I'm grateful to be with all of you today. Before I give you a brief summary, let me first express our thoughts and prayers, on behalf of the president-elect and myself, for President Bush and Barbara. They're on the hearts of every American this morning. We understand they had a good night last night, but we encourage every American to remember President Bush and his wonderful wife, Barbara, in their prayers.

"Seventy-two days ago we elected Donald Trump to be the 45th president of the United States of America. Seventy-one days ago Donald Trump set an ambitious schedule, prior to this inauguration and he asked me to chair the transition effort. And I was – I was grateful and honored to be given the opportunity to do just that.

"When we took over, I was impressed, frankly, with the work that Governor Christie and the transition team had done prior to the election. More than 170 interviews had already been done prior to Election Day.

"I'm pleased to report that, as of this morning's announcement for our secretary of agriculture, all 21 Cabinet nominees have been named, 27 total individuals have been named that require the consent of the Senate. And we have 536 beachhead team members that will be reporting for duty at agencies following the inauguration, bright and early on Monday morning.

"There are many people, many people to thank in this regard and I'm really here just to do that. There is a memorandum that will be in your possession by the end of this briefing that I'll be

conveying to the President-elect today to give him a full report on the transition efforts and the progress that we've made. But allow me to give you a couple of top lines.

"In addition to the hundreds of interviews and meetings that the President-elect has conducted in the course of this transition, I'm pleased to report that the Presidential Appointments Team has conducted more than 170 interviews prior to the election. More than 200 people since the election have sat down with what we call our tiger teams for full vetting and full review.

"I'm happy to say the interests of the American people in this Administration has been overwhelming. More than 86,000 resumes have been submitted to the transition and over 4,000 candidate referrals. And on the eve of the inauguration, as I mentioned, our beachhead teams are ready to land and go to work in these – in these various agencies of the incoming administration.

"On legislative affairs, we organized more than 90 volunteers to create and execute a confirmation strategy to support the 27 publicly announced Senate-confirmed nominees. Designees attended so far more than 370 visits with senators and will continue to work very, very closely to support their efforts as they move toward confirmation.

"There's been work on – on agency action, as I mentioned. Policy implementation though, has also been very brisk in the course of this transition. Specifically, we focused at the President-elect's direction on a day one, a day 100 and day 200 action plan for keeping our word to the American people and putting the President-elect's promises into practice.

"Fourteen policy implementation teams attracted over 110 active team participants. Additionally, 90 experts have been serving in an advisory capacity as we formulated executive action and legislative policy to pursue the goals of this administration.

"In addition to that, we've been listening. We established through the course of the transition the office of nationwide engagement, ONE for short and they've been busy; 28 listening sessions conducted December 1 through January 13, 22 business days met with – and heard top policy issues and concerns for more than 1,200 organizations, associations and various interests and entities.

"There's an awful lot of people to thank and more details that you will see in the memorandum that I'll be conveying to the president-elect today. But let me begin by expressing my appreciation first and foremost to President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. The cooperation that the outgoing administration has extended in this transition effort would make every American proud. And I know the President-elect has expressed his appreciation, not just for the hospitality, but for the collaboration of this administration in supporting our team's transition efforts, and I would reiterate that today.

"Also, very grateful to the GSA administrator, Denise Turner Roth and her outstanding team here at GSA for the work that they've done to support our efforts. Also grateful for the vice chairs and the executive committee of the transition effort who have put in very long hours. A number of them are with us today. Ben Carson is – is with us. Rudy Giuliani, Jeff Sessions, Marsha Blackburn, Tom Reed represent a part of the vice chair team, and we express our appreciation on behalf of the President-elect for the many, many hours that you've put in helping to assemble this day one team.

"We also express appreciation to the members of our executive committee who donated literally hundreds of hours in assisting us in preparing – preparing the recommendations to the president-elect over the course of this.

"Lastly, two more things to mention. Number one is just to thank my team. You know, there's a – there's an old saying back in Indiana when you see a box turtle on a fence post, one thing you know for sure is they had help getting there. I can tell you that while it's been my

privilege to chair this transition effort, the team that we've had around us and the extraordinary seven day a week hours that they have put into this effort is greatly to their credit.

"I want to specifically thank the Executive Director Rick Dearborn, who has done a – a masterful job, extremely grateful for energetic leadership of our incoming White House chief of Staff, Reince Priebus, incoming general counsel at the White House, Don McGahn, literally working almost around the clock in supporting the efforts of this transition effort.

"For our team here, Bill Hagerty, on presidential appointments, Ron Nicol on agency action, Otto Matito and Andrew Bremberg on policy, Jamie Burke and Elizabeth Pinkerton on personnel, Eric Ueland on legislative affairs, and a balance of a team that would make anyone proud.

"The progress that we have made in the course of this transition and the extraordinarily brisk pace with which it's been conducted is a tribute to integrity and work ethic of these men and women. And – and I know the President-elect is grateful for their efforts and as chair, I am as well. Ken Hagan is taking over as executive director to wind down the transition. The office of White House personnel will take over the official duties as we continue in the weeks and months ahead to fill out the balance of the administration. But this is the team that got us – that got us here to this day at the direction of the President-elect.

"Lastly, I'm especially pleased and I know the President-elect is especially pleased, that we're wrapping up this transition on schedule and under budget. ... We will – we will actually return some 20 percent of taxpayer funding back to the US Treasury, and that is just exactly in keeping with the President-elect's expectations going forward. He is a businessman that knows how to sharpen his pencil, and I am pleased to report that we were able to do that and – and – and restore those dollars to the Treasury.

"Let me say I – I've been much honored to serve as chair of the transition effort, but all that we have accomplished here, credit goes to a great team. Our volunteers, literally hundreds and hundreds of volunteers who put in – in hours and hours to support this effort, our executive committee, our vice chairs, our staff. But really, the credit I can tell you goes to our President-elect.

"Sometimes people stop me on the street they say – they say how you holding up, 'I can't imagine how busy you are,' and I just tell them, 'Well, you just have to understand the energy and the enthusiasm of Donald Trump is contagious.'

"And it's been his energy and his expectation that's driven this transition effort. And I'm proud to say to be at place where we've named our entire cabinet before we reach that historic day tomorrow. Our job really was to make sure the President-elect had the opportunity to make decisions, to assemble the team around him that will make America great again and I'm humbled to have been a small part of that.

"Our job is to be ready on day one. The American people can be confident that we will be. So, let me say to all of you, we look forward to seeing you tomorrow. It's going to be a very humbling and moving day for the President-elect his family and for mine. But let me tell you, we are all – we are all ready to go to work.

"In fact we can't wait to get to work for the American people to make America great again. So thank you very much and we'll provide that information for you at the end of the briefing."

Trump Requesting Over 50 Obama Administration Officials Remain After Transition.

At the Trump transition briefing this morning, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer announced the Trump Administration is requesting over 50 current Obama Administration officials to remain in key positions until permanent replacements are named. Spicer said, "We will announce today that Dab Kern will remain at the White House as the deputy assistant to the

president and director of the White House Military Office. ... Dab has been serving in an acting role during the Obama Administration, the President-elect intends to make that a permanent position for him. The President-elect understands how it is important to ensure the continuity of government. So in the addition to the appointments that we've announced and will announce, the President-elect has asked over 50 individuals to stay in critical posts throughout the government."

Spicer continued, "Included in this group are Robert Work, currently the deputy secretary of defense; Chuck Rosenberg the DEA administrator; Nick Rasmussen, the director of the National Counterterrorism Center; Tom Shannon, the undersecretary of state for political affairs; Susan Coppedge in the Department of State, which is the office to monitor and combat trafficking of persons; Brett McGurk, who is the special envoy for the global coalition to counter ISIS; Kody Kinsley, the assistant secretary of management, Department of Treasury; Adam Szubin, who is the acting undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence in the Department of the Treasury – are just some of the individuals who will be staying aboard through the time being, until a replacement can be named."

Spicer Blasts Senate Democrats For Slowing Confirmations For Cabinet.

At the Trump transition briefing today, incoming White House spokesman Sean Spicer said there was "no question" about the "high quality and caliber of the individuals that the President-elect has selected to lead his government. I think even the Senate leadership on the Democratic side admitted so much that they talked about going after just a few of them. And it's – I think what's a shame right now is to see some of those individuals who we would call consensus candidates, people who they didn't even find a problem with, people like Secretary Elaine Chao, Ben Carson, Nikki Haley, suddenly not be part of Senator Schumer's list that he will work with us to get done on day one."

Spicer continued, "It's disappointing. These were people that are highly qualified, that were considered quote/unquote, 'consensus candidates,' prior to a few weeks ago. And I think that it really speaks volumes that the Democratic leadership is not working with us to ensure a continuity of government. This was not the precedent that was set by Senate Republicans when they worked with the Obama Administration in 2008, to ensure that President Obama, despite political differences, got the Cabinet of his choosing because they were qualified individuals. I expect the same standard for our individuals."

Spicer concluded, "And I think Senator Schumer should do the same, recognize that this is more about continuity of government and insuring that these qualified individuals get voted on as soon as possible, so that we can lead this country forward."

Mnuchin Defends OneWest Record At Senate Finance Hearing.

At a contentious Senate Finance Committee hearing today, where Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts (R) pointedly suggested that Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D) take a valium, Treasury Secretary-designate Steve Mnuchin defended his record with OneWest, the successor to the failed IndyMac, which collapsed during the financial crisis. Mnuchin said, "Since I was first nominated to serve as Treasury secretary, I have been maligned as taking advantage of others' hardships in order to earn a buck. Nothing could be further from the truth." Mnuchin remained largely unflappable despite sharp questioning from a number of Democratic senators, including Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown (D). In his comments on OneWest, Mnuchin denied running a "foreclosure machine," saying, "On the contrary, I was committed to loan modifications intended to stop foreclosures. I ran a 'Loan Modification Machine.' Whenever we could do loan modifications, we did them." Mnuchin also faced pointed questions on his role as director of an offshore corporation.

Schumer Blasts Mnuchin Over Undisclosed Offshore Assets. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer today released a statement on media reports that Treasury Secretary-designate Steve Mnuchin did not “disclose offshore business holdings and millions in financial assets to the Senate Finance Committee.” Schumer said, “Never before has the Senate considered such an ethically challenged slate of nominees for key cabinet positions. Mr. Mnuchin’s failure to disclose his Cayman Islands holdings just reeks of the swamp that the President-elect promised to drain on the campaign trail. With this group of cabinet nominees, it’s crystal clear that the incoming administration and Senate Republicans aren’t going to drain the swamp, they’re going to fill it up.”

Perry Says He Regrets Recommending Abolishing Energy Department.

In testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee today, Energy Secretary-designate Rick Perry said he regretted advocating the abolition of the Energy Department during his presidential campaign in 2012. Perry said he would passionately support the core missions of the Energy Department and will advocate for “greater attention to the vital role played by the agency.” Perry said, “My past statements made over five years ago about abolishing the Department of Energy do not reflect my current thinking. In fact, after being briefed on so many of the vital functions of the Department of Energy, I regret recommending its elimination.” Perry acknowledged the reality of climate change, saying he believed “some of it is naturally occurring, but some of it is also caused by man-made activity. The question is how do we address it in a thoughtful way that doesn’t compromise economic growth, the affordability of energy or American jobs.”

Trump Cites Graham To Downplay Role In US Divisions.

President-elect Trump today downplayed his role in the polarization of the country’s politics. Via Twitter, Trump said, “‘It wasn’t Donald Trump that divided this country, this country has been divided for a long time!’ Stated today by Reverend Franklin Graham.”

Trump Preparing To Leave New York For Inauguration.

President-elect Trump today said he was preparing for his departure to the capital for his inauguration tomorrow. Trump tweeted, “Getting ready to leave for Washington, DC. The journey begins and I will be working and fighting very hard to make it a great journey for...the American people. I have no doubt that we will, together, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!”

Trump Nominates Perdue For Agriculture.

President-elect Trump has nominated former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue (R) to be Agriculture Secretary. In a statement, Trump said, “From growing up on a farm to being governor of a big agriculture state, he has spent his whole life understanding and solving the challenges our farmers face, and he is going to deliver big results for all Americans who earn their living off the land.”

Obama Denies Clemency Request For Peltier.

An attorney for Leonard Peltier, an activist in the American Indian Movement, said today that President Obama has denied his client’s clemency request. Peltier was convicted of killing two FBI agents at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in 1975.

Carter Says He Didn’t Support Manning Commutation.

On CNN’s “New Day,” outgoing Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said he didn’t support President Obama’s decision to commute the sentence of former Army intelligence officer Chelsea Manning.

Carter said, "All I'll say about the Manning case is, I did not support the direction the President went. But he's made his decision. That's all I'm going to say. That was not my recommendation."

Carter Says US "On The Path" On Counter-ISIL Strategy.

On CNN's "New Day," outgoing Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said the US was on course in its strategy to defeat ISIL. Carter said, "With respect to ISIL and all the other challenges, we are on the path we need to be on strategically. It's a plan that General Joe Dunford and I developed a year-and-a-half ago. We have been systematically executing it, to destroy ISIL, to destroy the fact and the idea that there can be an Islamic State based upon this ideology, first and foremost, in Iraq and Syria. You see that unfolding in Mosul. You'll see that unfolding in Raqqa. I'm confident that Mosul will fall, Raqqa will fall, and then we're dealing with all the other nests of ISIL wherever it might spring up, Afghanistan, Libya, and, of course, protecting our own people here at home. We're on the right path to do that."

Dunford Expects Smooth Transition To Trump Administration.

Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says that he expects a "smooth transition" to the next administration. The first contact between the Defense Department and President-elect Donald Trump's transition team came about six weeks ago, Dunford said, when he spoke with transition team leaders about national military strategy and the current campaign against terror. "We talked about state and non-state challenges, and we spoke about our priorities we've had in our national military strategy." The two also spoke about "risk assessment and readiness and military capabilities," which led to a discussion of the budget, Dunford added. The transition team has done "deeper dives" with various staff members, saying that the back-and-forth has been "dynamic." That said, he added that his "only formal engagement with the national security advisor, deputy national security advisor and the President-elect" was January 12, "when I went to New York to talk about some things from a military perspective that the President-elect and Vice President-elect would want to know on Day One," Dunford said. "My responsibility is to share options that the next leadership team can choose and to identify both the risks and the opportunities associated with the various options." He has not yet spoken with the nominee to be the next Defense Secretary and also a fellow four-star general, James Mattis "to have the conversation about what it is that we're doing today, why we are doing it, what are the things that might be done and why haven't we done them to date," Dunford added. "That gets into the conversation about opportunity and risk."

Dunford: Military Sees Need For Counter-Terror Intelligence Network.

This month NATO will begin deploying troops to Iraq to help the Iraqi military build up its security network. "My colleagues in NATO embrace the idea that challenges like violent extremism quickly become transregional and all-domain," Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joe Dunford. At the same time, top US military officials would like to see an information and intelligence-sharing network to aid the fight. "We know Southeast Asia, West Africa, and all points in between, nations are dealing with the threats posed, not just by ISIL, but also Al Qaeda and other extremist organizations," he said. There are 45,000 foreign fighters from 122 nations in Syria and Iraq alone, Dunford added. "Having visibility on those individuals and having information and intelligence sharing network – not just at the military level but also with law enforcement officials – is one of the ways we can put pressure on the network." The intelligence network would help combat terrorist groups in three key areas, including countering the narratives of the group, as well as the resources flowing to and from the groups and the foreign fighters attracted to them, he

said. "Those are the things that connect one group to another," he said. "Our efforts really are to isolate these groups from one another."

Dunford: Russia Investments In Military, Cyber Realms Pose Challenge For US.

Russia has built up its capabilities in the nuclear and cyber arenas, as well as in space assets, Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters traveling with him in Brussels for a meeting of the NATO military committee. Russia, which faces considerable economic and political problems, is nonetheless spending "vast sums" to modernize its military capabilities, Dunford said, adding that it has the "full range of capabilities" to threaten the United States. It is, as a result, one of the countries that the US must use to "benchmark" his own capabilities, he added, and "reassure members of the [NATO] alliance that we will meet our commitments, we'll deter potential adversaries, and we will posture ourselves to respond in the event deterrence fails," Dunford said. There are two different US deployments in Europe currently: The deployment of the 3rd brigade of the 4th Infantry Division to Poland, and a second is part of NATO's enhanced forward presence in Poland as well, representing a US-led, battalion-sized unit with Poland and other NATO nations contributing troops. Canada, Great Britain, and Germany will lead similar mixed units in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. The presence of the units demonstrates NATO solidarity against Russian aggression, a senior NATO official said. "That's what makes the alliance relevant: each of the nations must feel that the alliance is meeting their security challenges," Dunford said.

Ukraine Accuses Russia Of Financing Terrorism In International Court.

Ukraine filed a case with the International Court of Justice, accusing Russia of terrorism and discrimination in violation of international conventions. Ukraine is alleging that by supplying illegal armed groups with weapons Russia is violating the Terrorism Financing Convention. The country cited the downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17 an example of Russian arms used to commit acts of terrorism on its territory. Ukraine also alleges that Russia is discriminating against non-Russians, including ethnic Ukrainians and Tatars living in Crimea, and thereby violating the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Examples of discrimination include a ban of the representative body of the Crimean Tatars, "a wave of kidnappings, murders, and unlawful detentions," and attacks on the media. – Bulletin exclusive from US News

Zarif: Iran Has "Options" If Trump Abandons Iran Nuclear Deal.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Tehran is unconcerned about the prospect of President-elect Donald Trump scrapping the P5+1 nuclear deal and had alternatives. Zarif said Iran has "grievances" over the agreement, but he continued, "Whatever he does to the nuclear deal, we are not worried because we have our own options. But we believe it's in the interest of everybody to stick to the deal. Most importantly it's an international agreement. It's not a bilateral agreement between Iran and the United States." Asked what course Iran would take if the Trump Administration abandon's the agreement, Zarif said, "President Trump likes surprises and we will make him surprised."

Obama Makes Farewell Call To Afghanistan's Leaders.

The government of Afghanistan says President Obama, in a farewell phone call, congratulated President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah on the their anti-corruption efforts and expressing his condolences for Taliban attacks in recent days. A spokesman for Ghani said

President Obama's role in the "good relationship" between the US and Afghanistan was a "fundamental."

RNC Picks McDaniel As Chairwoman.

The Republican National Committee today announced its members have elected Ronna McDaniel to serve as chairwoman and Bob Paduchik to serve as co-chair in unanimous votes.

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Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:24 PM
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Subject: Goodbye and thank you
Categories: Record Saved - Shared

Good afternoon,

It's hard to put into words what the past ten years have meant to me. I am forever indebted to our EPA family, and all of the dedicated and driven career staff I've worked with. I'll miss coming to work here, the jobs I got to do, and the most incredible view over Lake Michigan. I'm packing up my office and leaving the federal service today and will truly cherish the experience and relationships I've gained.

I'm heading out on Remote Year and can be reached at (b) (6) or (b) (6). Please feel free to [follow along](#) on the blog I've set up for this journey, and you can always reach me on [LinkedIn](#).

Thank you. Truly,
Taylor

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Ferris, Lena

From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:31 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Farewell

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Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you know, today will be my last day at EPA. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life to be a part of this Administration and the team here at EPA. Each day I was humbled by the talent, intellect and dedication of those I had the opportunity to work with both inside and outside the administration.

This is a small town, so I am sure our paths will cross. In the meantime, I can be reached at (b) (6) .

All the best,
Nichole

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Ferris, Lena

From: Garrett, Lateisha
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Garrett, Lateisha
Cc: Willis, Sharnett; MacCartney, Connor
Subject: EPA44 The Final Wrap
Attachments: contact directory v3.xlsx.docx

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EPA44 Final Wrap – [Sending You On Your Way](#)

Turning in Your Badge in DC –

- You must turn in your badge and keys to OARM/ FMSD today. They will have somebody available in the OARM AA Suite (3330 WJC North) on TODAY January 19th between 10am- 4pm to collect EPA badges and keys and to sign the 3110-1. The building will be closed tomorrow and the OARM staff is leaving promptly at 4pm today. You can leave the 3110-1 form in a box they will have.

Final Happy Hour in DC –

- Luke Schleusener, an appointee at DOD, is planning an after-work meet up for interested appointees today at 5pm at Meridian Pint (3400 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20010. Feel free to meet up after work at Meridian Pint, around 5pm. They will meet in the basement, play pool, and feel feelings over quality beer, one last time, together. Luke can be reached at (b) (6)

Employee Express –

- If you are having trouble with your Employee Express Username or Password, we recommend that you call 1-888-367-1622 for assistance.

Final Contact Directory –

- Attached is the final EPA44 Contact Directory. We had amazing participation! Thanks to all who participated and who shared it with your networks.

EPA44 on LinkedIn – Last Call -

- Be sure to join the EPA Alumni LinkedIn group to stay connected! [Here is the link.](#)

Today in History

1883 – The first electric lighting system employing overhead wires, built by Thomas Edison, begins service at Roselle, New Jersey.

1953 – Almost 72% of all television sets in the United States are tuned into I Love Lucy to watch Lucy give birth.

1981 – United States and Iranian officials sign an agreement to release 52 American hostages after 14 months of captivity.

1983 – The Apple Lisa, the first commercial personal computer from Apple Inc. to have a graphical user interface and a computer mouse, is announced.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you.

All the best,
The White House Liaison Team

Teisha Garrett

White House Liaison

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Garrett.Lateisha@epa.gov

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Ferris, Lena

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Cc: Fritz, Matthew
Subject: Running through the tape

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Sent from my Windows Phone

Ferris, Lena

From: John Podesta (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: As you turn off the lights

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Know you did a fabulous job. You're the best.
John Podesta

Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: FW: Review process

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

An update

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

(b) (6)

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Review process

Hi Nancy,

We made a brief update to what I sent to you last night to add a note about our policy to archive content and websites instead of removing them from the web.

Thx.

OAR Process for Website Review

(b) (5)

Note: If an OAR website or content on an OAR website is deemed out of date or no longer necessary, OAR's policy is to archive and retain that information for records management and historical purposes. For an example please see: <https://www3.epa.gov/airtoxics/utility/utilttoxpg.html>

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:42 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Review process

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2017, at 6:55 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

FWIW, here's what we have for OAR. Let me know if you have qs or if there's anything else you need from us.

OAR Process for Website Review

(b) (5)



Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Wachter, Eric
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Meiburg, Stan; Garbow, Avi; Fritz, Matthew; Vaught, Laura; Benenati, Frank; Beauvais, Joel; Nishida, Jane; Bloom, David; Giles-AA, Cynthia; Vizian, Donna; Dunkin, Ann; Jones, Jim; Burke, Thomas; McCabe, Janet; Stanislaus, Mathy; Strauss, Alexis; Hague, Mark; Curry, Ron; Enck, Judith; Garvin, Shawn; Kaplan, Robert; McTeerToney, Heather; McGrath, Shaun; McLerran, Dennis; Spalding, Curt; Knapp, Kristien; Threet, Derek; Burden, Susan; Pieh, Lusen; Carleton, Ron; Naples, Eileen; Herckis, Arian; Distefano, Nichole; Hautamaki, Jared; Flynn, Mike; Garrett, Lateisha
Cc: Emerson, Michael; Anderson, Denise; Hope, Brian; Gaines, Cynthia
Subject: Administrator's January issue-email report
Attachments: Issue.Email.Report.January.2017.pdf

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[The Administrator's issue email report for January is attached.](#)

[Thank you.](#)

Ferris, Lena

From: Stanislaus, Mathy
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Automatic reply: Administrator's January issue-email report

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

Effective January 20, 2017, I will no longer be at EPA. Please contact Teresa Hill 202-566-0184, 202-566-0200, hill.teresa@epa.gov if you need to get in contact with me.

Ferris, Lena

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Automatic reply: Administrator's January issue-email report

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I will depart federal government on 1/20/2017. Please contact Deb Thomas (Thomas.Debrah@epa.gov) if you need assistance.

Ferris, Lena

From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Automatic reply: Administrator's January issue-email report

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

I'm departing EPA on January 20th, but am on leave until then and no longer have access to e-mail. If you need assistance, please contact 202-564-4332.

Best, Laura

Ferris, Lena

From: Regina McCarthy (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: McCarthy,Regina-Contract.pdf

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>> Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Giles-AA, Cynthia
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Fritz, Matthew
Subject: RE: Running through the tape

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Absolutely.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [Adm13McCarthy, Gina](#)
Sent: 1/19/2017 2:43 PM
To: [Giles-AA, Cynthia](#)
Cc: [Fritz, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Running through the tape

I know you know this, but let's make sure that our employee's needs don't get lost in the transition.

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Cc: Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
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Sent from my Windows Phone

Ferris, Lena

From: Juarez, MariaElena
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Juarez, MariaElena
Cc: (b) (5)
Subject: My Final Day at EPA

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Dear colleagues:

Sadly, today is my final day with the Administration. I cannot thank you enough for granting me the opportunity to work with you in supporting an Agency that is committed to providing access to clean air and water to the American people. From working in Flint, MI to traveling Mérida, Mexico it has been quite a journey. It has also been an honor working alongside people who have such a strong commitment to service. My hat goes off to those who are staying behind to continue the good work of our Agency.

While, I say goodbye today, please know in the future you can reach me at (b) (6) or (b) (6)

Thank you again.

Maria Elena

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20004
[\(202\) 564-2091](#) (direct)
(b) (6)

Ferris, Lena

From: Brown, Stephanie N.
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Ali, Mustafa; Beauvais, Joel; Benenati, Frank; briefings; Burden, Susan; Distefano, Nichole; Emerson, Michael; Flynn, Mike; Fritz, Matthew; Harrison, Melissa; Hautamaki, Jared; Knapp, Kristien; Meiburg, Stan; Michaels, Andrew; Naples, Eileen; Pieh, Lusen; Ragland, Micah; Rupp, Mark; Threet, Derek; Vaught, Laura; Wachter, Eric
Subject: Daily Reading File: January 19, 2017
Attachments: Daily Reading File.1.19.17.pdf
Categories: Record Saved - Shared

Ferris, Lena

From: Giles-AA, Cynthia
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Cc: Fritz, Matthew
Subject: RE: Running through the tape

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OIG is on it. Safety of employee is their top concern.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [Adm13McCarthy, Gina](#)
Sent: 1/19/2017 2:43 PM
To: [Giles-AA, Cynthia](#)
Cc: [Fritz, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Running through the tape

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From: Giles-AA, Cynthia
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Cc: Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
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Ferris, Lena

From: Tom McShane (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Thinking of you

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*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a true leader.
Thank you for being our leader.*

I hope you are half as proud of what you have accomplished as we all are.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Tom

Ferris, Lena

From: Cass Sunstein (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:04 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Subject: Tonight

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Sending a carbon-free standing ovation, and much love

Sent from my iPhone

Ferris, Lena

From: Minoli, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:48 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; (b) (6)
Subject: If there are no videos of me singing...

Categories: Record Saved - Shared

...I will settle for a pretty amazing picture. It has been an absolute honor to work with you both. Kevin



Kevin S. Minoli
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Office of General Counsel
US Environmental Protection Agency
Main Office Line: 202-564-8064

Ferris, Lena

From: Avi Garbow (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 8:58 PM
To: Minoli, Kevin
Cc: Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Garbow, Avi
Subject: Re: If there are no videos of me singing...

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That is a picture and a moment I will treasure.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2017, at 8:47 PM, Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov> wrote:

...I will settle for a pretty amazing picture. It has been an absolute honor to work with you both. Kevin

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From: Bulletin Intelligence <epa@bulletinintelligence.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 7:00 AM
To: epa@BulletinIntelligence.com
Subject: EPA Daily News Briefing for Friday, January 20, 2017
Attachments: epaNewsBriefing170120.doc

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ADMINISTRATOR

Pruitt Says He Will Defer To Ethics Officials Before Recusing Himself From Lawsuits.

[Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/19, Dabbs) reports that during his confirmation hearing on Wednesday, EPA Administrator-designate Scott Pruitt told the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee he will "defer to EPA ethics officials" on whether or not he should recuse himself from environmental lawsuits in which he is involved in as Oklahoma's attorney general. However, since "the agency's ethics position is currently unclear," it means that as the head of the EPA, Pruitt could "direct the agency to agree with state and industry challenges" to some of its landmark environmental regulations. The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, Dennis, Weigel) reports that Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) "pushed Pruitt to unilaterally withdraw from those suits," stating that, "otherwise, people are going to think it's not just the fox guarding the hen house, it's the fox destroying the hen house."

Reception To Pruitt's Nomination Largely Split Along Party Lines. [NPR](#) (1/19, Wertz) reports that Pruitt faced a "warm audience" from Republicans on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, including chairman John Barrasso, who said Pruitt "understands the need to both protect the environment while allowing our nation's economy to grow," and Rep. Jim

Inhofe, who defended Pruitt's lawsuits as necessary to "protect state and local interests from overzealous and activist executive agencies."

[NPR](#) (1/19) reports on an interview with Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin, in which he says he still has "some serious concerns" about the nomination of Pruitt "from point of view of whether he would carry out the responsibilities of that office, and that's a very important Cabinet position."

[The Hill](#) (1/19, Cama) reports that Sen. Lindsey Graham said he will vote to confirm Scott Pruitt to lead the EPA. Graham's decision announced Thursday came despite Graham's support for policies to fight climate change. Graham said Pruitt is going to be "more business-friendly, not going to answer to the most extreme left on the environment" Graham continued, "But he will be judged by the quality of his work, and I do believe that President-elect Trump wants a good, clean environment without destroying businesses. I think he can have both."

Pruitt Distances Himself From Trump's Climate Change Statements. [ClimateWire](#) (1/19) reports that Pruitt "distanced himself from the radical declarations" made by Trump regarding climate change, while still raising questions about the "established science connecting man-made emissions to warming." His comments "hew closely to those of other Cabinet nominees," and according to some insiders, indicates that "Trump has backed away from his position that climate change is a hoax."

Pruitt Shuttters PACs, But Not Before Transferring Money To Third Committee. [ClimateWire](#) (1/19, Storrow) reports that before two political action committees linked to Pruitt shut down ahead of his confirmation hearing, they gave money to a third committee that has supported a group "now coordinating a campaign aimed at bolstering Pruitt's nomination prospects." Democrats at the hearing on Wednesday grill Pruitt on his fundraising activities, and argued that "it is a conflict of interest for America's top environmental regulator to take money from energy interests."

California And Pruitt-Led EPA Prepare For Showdown Over Vehicle Standards. [ClimateWire](#) (1/19, Kaenel) reports that "California and a Scott Pruitt-led U.S EPA are headed for a showdown over vehicle emissions standards." Pruitt refused to commit to maintaining California's current waiver under the Clean Air Act that allows the state to set its own vehicle pollution rules. Democrats, California officials and environmental advocates have blasted Pruitt "a states' rights champion, for not being enthusiastic about allowing California and other states to aggressively pursue carbon reductions on their own."

Additional Reading.

- ***EPA Leader Pick Pruitt Supports RFS, But Is Open For 'Tweaking' It.*** [Biofuels International](#). (1/19)
- ***Guest Opinion: Trump's EPA Pick Bad For Montana's Health.*** [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#). (1/19)
- ***Op-Ed: Pruitt Wrong Choice To Lead EPA.*** [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#). (1/19)
- ***Op-Ed: An EPA Administrator Is Needed Who Will Help, Not Hurt Maine's Environment.*** [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#). (1/19, Tucker)

BROWNFIELDS/SUPERFUND/OTHER CLEANUPS

Obama's EPA Refuses To Pay Claims From Gold King Mine Spill.

In what the [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Richardson) describes as an "ugly blot on its [environmental] record," the Obama Administration will leave power having failed to "to hold itself financially accountable for the Gold King Mine spill." Obama's EPA, in "one of its final moves,"

refused “to pay 73 claims totaling \$1.2 billion filed by tribes, farmers, river-rafters and local governments from the August 2015 wastewater spill, citing sovereign immunity under the Federal Tort Claims Act,” a decision that “floored” Western lawmakers, who cited EPA Administrator McCarthy’s “numerous assurances that the agency would take responsibility for the damage caused by the EPA-led crew.” According to the Times, Republicans, who are “hoping President-elect Donald Trump will clean up the mess,” were “heartened after Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, tapped by Mr. Trump to head the EPA, agreed Wednesday at his Senate confirmation hearing to revisit the decision.”

As Indiana Governor, Pence Denied East Chicago Request For State Emergency Over Lead Contamination.

The [AP](#) (1/19) reports that former Indiana Gov. Mike Pence rejected a request from East Chicago officials to declare a state emergency over the city’s lead contamination before he left office. According to a letter from the governor’s office general counsel, “Given the level of coordination among federal, state and local agencies, the state resources provided to date, and the resources available under the federal Superfund program, the issues described within your letter are being addressed without the need for a disaster emergency declaration.” City officials are now planning to submit a new request to Pence’s replacement, Rep. Gov. Eric Holcomb, who assumed office January 9. The [Chicago Tribune](#) (1/19) also reports on local legislators ongoing efforts to get assistance for the city.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Trump Energy, Environment Nominees Express Similar Messaging On Climate Change.

[Bloomberg News](#) (1/19, Dlouhy, Natter) reports in confirmation hearings this week Donald Trump’s nominees for key energy and environmental posts “rejected the idea that global warming is a hoax,” but they debate its the effects. The responses “deviated from what they’ve said in the past,” but critics say “the new formulation may just be another way for Republicans to avoid pursuing policies to curb the use of fossil fuels.” The shift in tone “reflects the reality on the ground,” as temperatures are trending upward and “public opinion has shifted.” The nominees are trying to “avoid the outright ‘climate denier’ label by vaguely admitting that warming is occurring and may have something do to with emissions,” said Paul Bledsoe, a former climate adviser in the Clinton administration, calling the rhetorical strategy a “non-denial denial.” The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Dennis, Mooney) reports Energy Secretary nominee Rick Perry “expressed a markedly different view” on climate change than in the past, and similarly Trump’s picks have “echoed strikingly similar views” that: “Yes, the climate is changing. Humans probably have some role. But it’s likely not the country’s most urgent problem.” A Trump transition official said there had been no coordination with appointees on the issue. The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/19) reports to most climate scientists, the comments are “deliberately misleading,” says Susan Joy Hassol, director of Climate Communication.

WSJournal: Rational Debate About Climate Change Needed.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/19) disputes claims that climate change is of grave concern, arguing that the minute changes in temperature in recent years could have been caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon. Further, the Journal says, actual changes in global climate have failed to match the climate-change computer models’ predictions – falling short of the average predicted increased of 0.2 degrees Celsius per decade at an average closer to 0.05 degrees Celsius – and

the models are unable to explain why upwards of 40% of the temperature increase since 1900 occurred between 1910 and 1945, even though that period accounts for just ten percent of the increase in carbon emissions. The Journal calls for a thorough debate about climate change evidence and warns that alarmists are fanning fears about rising temperatures that are making rational debate difficult.

ENERGY

Hamm Expects “Immediate” Energy Deregulation Under Trump.

[CNBC](#) (1/19) reports that billionaire Trump advisor Continental Resources CEO Harold Hamm the “disastrous results” of energy overregulation during the Obama administration will start to be dismantled Friday. “I think it’ll be immediate,” said Hamm. “[Overregulation] is hurting everybody. It’s not just business. But consumers are also paying for that. So it’s very costly to the American economy.” Hamm wants the EPA’s methane rules rolled back for the oil and gas industry.

ENFORCEMENT

Pipeline Company Settles Spill Charges With US.

The [AP](#) (1/19) reports that “a subsidiary of Magellan Midstream Partners will complete \$16 million in upgrades to pipelines and pay a \$2 million fine as part of a federal settlement following pipeline ruptures in three states.” The AP adds that “federal officials said in a statement Thursday that the first incident occurred in February 2011, when a pipeline carrying petroleum ruptured north of Texas City, Texas, spilling hundreds of gallons,” and “later that year two lines were ruptured when struck by heavy machinery near Nemaha, Nebraska, causing more than 2,800 gallons of diesel and jet fuel to spill.”

The [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#) (1/20, Gaarder) reports that “an \$18 million federal settlement involving a multi-state pipeline company is designed to boost pipeline safety but also will guarantee cleanup of a spill that contaminated groundwater in southeast Nebraska.” The proposed settlement between Magellan Pipeline Company and the Justice Department and the Environmental Protection Agency “wraps together pipeline spills in three states, said Bruce Heine, spokesman for Magellan. ‘Magellan has worked cooperatively with all federal authorities involved’ in the settlement, Heine said.” The World-Herald adds that “the federal government said the spills violated the Clean Water Act.”

The [Tulsa \(OK\) World](#) (1/20) reports that in addition to the civil penalty, “the proposed consent decree calls for Magellan to complete \$16 million of injunctive relief across its 11,000-mile pipeline. ‘This settlement holds Magellan accountable for multiple petroleum fuel pipeline spills that impacted waterways in three states,’ John C. Cruden, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, said in a written statement. ‘The terms of the agreement require Magellan to improve training of its staff and monitoring of its pipeline system’s integrity, and increase public transparency about leaks and responses.’”

Hawaii Company Agrees To \$725K Settlement With EPA Over 2013 Molasses Spill.

The [AP](#) (1/19, Jones) reports that Matson Terminals Inc. has agreed to pay a \$725,000 penalty to the EPA for a 1,400-ton molasses spill in the Honolulu Harbor in 2013. The civil settlement is in addition to \$1 million in fines and restitution the company paid following an earlier criminal case.

Ex-VW Chief Tells German Lawmakers He Did Not Know Of Cheating Device.

The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Smale, Ewing) reports from Berlin that “Volkswagen’s former chief executive, Martin Winterkorn, yielded no ground on Thursday during a polite grilling by German lawmakers over the carmaker’s diesel-emissions deception, but he astonished them by insisting that he had not heard the term ‘defeat device’ before September 2015, when the scandal broke.” The Times adds that “appearing in public for the first time since he resigned over the case, Mr. Winterkorn, who worked at the company for more than 35 years, contended, as he has all along, that he had not been aware of any wrongdoing,” but “his assertions are increasingly difficult to defend after Volkswagen pleaded guilty in the United States last week to criminal charges that included conspiracy to defraud the government, violations of the Clean Air Act and obstruction of justice.” The [Financial Times](#) (1/19, McGee, Chazan) also reports.

INTERNATIONAL

Road Outrage: To Stop Carmakers Bending The Rules On Emissions, Europe Must Get Much Tougher

[The Economist](#). (1/19)

OTHER NEWS

Perry Now Regrets Calling For DOE’s Elimination, Reverses Himself On Climate Change.

The [New York Times](#) (1/19, Davenport) reports that DOE nominee Rick Perry “said in his Senate confirmation hearing on Thursday that he regretted having recommended the abolition of the Energy Department in the past.” He also “offered a full-throated reversal of his views on the science of human-caused climate change, which he called a ‘contrived, phony mess’ in a 2010 book.” Perry said yesterday, “I believe the climate is changing. ... I believe some of it is naturally occurring, but some of it is also caused by man-made activity. The question is: How do we address it in a thoughtful way that doesn’t compromise economic growth, the affordability of energy or American jobs?” The Times adds that President-elect Trump, “by contrast, has called climate change a ‘hoax’ and has continued to express doubts about established climate science.” [Reuters](#) (1/19, Gardner) also reports Perry’s stance on climate change “clashes with Trump’s statements during his campaign for the White House.”

[Politico](#) (1/19, Dixon, Wolff) says “Perry left the swagger at the door, taking a contrite stance,” while [USA Today](#) (1/19, Collins) quotes him as saying, “My past statements made over five years ago about abolishing the Department of Energy do not reflect my current thinking. ... If confirmed, I will enter this role excited and passionate about advancing the core missions of the DOE.” The [AP](#) (1/19, Daly) notes the former Texas governor “said he was for ‘all of the above’ on energy production – oil and gas to renewable sources like wind and solar power – before President Barack Obama embraced the strategy.” Said Perry, “We truly advocated an all-of-the-above strategy, reducing carbon emissions not just through development of cleaner fossil fuels, but through the development of renewable sources too.” [The Hill](#) (1/19, Henry, Cama) reports the “path” to Perry becoming Secretary of Energy now “appears clear, as he avoided any major missteps at his confirmation hearing Thursday while attracting some Democratic support.”

In a largely favorable assessment of the nominee, the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Mufson, Sullivan) reports that as he “bowed out of the presidential campaign in September 2015, the former Texas governor took a not-so-veiled parting shot at...Trump,” saying, “The conservative movement has always been about principles, not personalities.” Now, adds the Post later in the story, “many people say that Perry, despite his past vow to dismantle the department, has valuable experience for running it,” because “as governor, he benefited from a rapid expansion of

oil and gas exploration in new shale oil and shale gas plays” and “oversaw an expansion of transmission lines that made way for a rapid expansion of wind energy.”

Perry Says He Will Protect Scientists, Climate Research. [The Hill](#) (1/19, Henry) reports that during the hearing, Perry “repudiated a transition team questionnaire that sought the names of Energy Department employees involved in climate research, and vowed to ‘protect’ those workers.” He stated, “That went out before I was ever selected to be the nominee. ... I didn’t approve it. I don’t approve of it. I don’t need that information. I don’t want that information. That is not how I manage.” He also vowed “to protect the Department of Energy’s climate research.”

The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Wolfgang) reports the questionnaire was “sent out last month” and was “designed to identify Energy Department employees who worked on the Obama administration’s climate-change initiatives” leading “critics to claim the Trump transition team was conducting a witch hunt at the department.”

[U.S. News & World Report](#) (1/19, Neuhauser) reports Perry went on to say during the hearing that he would “not only reach across political aisles, but also to work with the men and women who I have extraordinary respect for at the Department of Energy to find the solutions to these many challenges that we have, whether they’re on the environment, whether they’re economically focused or otherwise.” US News notes that Perry “dedicated much of his testimony to praising the work of the Energy Department and its employees, particularly its research and development efforts in supercomputing and advanced energy, and its maintenance of the nation’s nuclear stockpile.” He stated, “I believe we have a role to play, both in basic research but also in applied research.”

[E&E Publishing](#) (1/19) also Perry called the national labs system a “crown jewel.” Sen. Maria Cantwell “told Perry there is ‘widespread anxiety’ about whether Trump intends to dismantle DOE’s scientific capabilities or simply starve departmental resources, saying the incoming administration can either ‘cling to the fossil fuel industry of the past or continue to lead on innovation.’” Perry stated, “I am going to protect the men and women of the scientific community from anyone that would attack them, no matter what their reason may be, at the Department of Energy.”

[Reuters](#) (1/19, Gardner, Volcovici) reports Perry signaled that “much of his focus running the department would be on renewing America’s nuclear weapons arsenal.” He stated, “As a former Air Force pilot during the days of the Cold War, I understand the deterrent value of our nuclear weapons systems, and the vital role they play in keeping the peace.”

Perry Leaves Open Possibility Yucca Could Hold Nuclear Waste. The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (1/19, Martin) reports Perry “left open” the “possibility that Yucca Mountain could house nuclear waste in the future.” He told the hearing “he understood the position of Nevada’s bipartisan congressional delegation and Gov. Brian Sandoval that the facility should be mothballed because of intense opposition” but he wouldn’t “rule out consideration of Yucca Mountain for future use.”

[E&E Publishing](#) (1/19) reports Perry told Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, “said he would follow through on “alternatives” for storing and disposing of nuclear waste and said he’d like to find a solution that appeases Nevada.” Perry said, “I will not sit here in a committee hearing and tell you absolutely no way is Nevada going to be the recipient of any high-level waste. ... What I will tell you is we’ll work with you every day.” [Platts](#) (1/19) also reports on this story.

The [Washington Examiner](#) (1/19) reports the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners “is urging President-elect Trump ahead of Friday’s inauguration to move as soon as possible to restart the process to build the nation’s nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain.”

Perry Has Urged Trump Transition Team To Keep NNSA Head In Place Until Replacement Named. The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/20, Daly) reports Perry told the hearing

that “he has suggested to Trump’s transition team that the head of the National Nuclear Security Administration and his top deputy should remain on the job until their replacements are named.” Sen. Martin Heinrich “and others had raised concerns that the job of overseeing the nuclear weapons complex could be unfilled for a time during the presidential transition.” The Journal adds, “As for the leadership transition at the NNSA, Perry said he is urging continuity.”

Perry Says He Will Visit Hanford, Protect Workers. The [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (1/19, Connelly) reports Cantwell asked Perry if he would “pledge to ‘fully fund’ completion of the long-delayed cleanup of high-level nuclear waste at Hanford in Eastern Washington?” The Post-Intelligencer says “Perry talked around the question” and “lamented the ‘failure’ to clean up nuclear waste around the country.” Perry “told Cantwell he will ‘come to and walk that site with you’” and “pledged in general terms to protect Hanford workers.” The [Seattle Times](#) (1/19) reports Perry told Cantwell, “I am committed to working with you in prioritizing what is one of the most dangerous, polluted sites we have in the country. ... The country’s commitment to do this has been a failure, from my perspective.” The [Tri-City Herald \(WA\)](#) (1/19) also covers this aspect of the confirmation hearing.

Perry Pledges to Keep WIPP Running Safely. [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (1/20, Moss) reports Rick Perry said during a Senate confirmation hearing Thursday that if confirmed “he would ensure the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad stays open and runs safely.” Perry said, “Every reasonable, every thoughtful effort will be made to make sure not only that the site stays open, but also that the people who work there are going to be safe.” New Mexico Sen. Martin Heinrich expressed concern over Perry, as has Sen. Tom Udall. The story notes DOE has a large presence in the state.

Perry Says Report About Proposed Budget Cuts “May Not Be True.” [The Hill](#) (1/19, Cama) reports Perry would not say at the hearing “whether President-elect Donald Trump is planning large cuts to the Department of Energy (DOE).” Perry was asked by two Democratic members of the committee “to confirm a report that morning in The Hill regarding cuts to physics, computing, energy efficiency, fossil energy and more at DOE.” The nominee “cautioned that the story may not be true.” Perry stated, “I think all of us, having been in the business we’ve been in for the years that we have, know that there are always a lot of statements. Sometimes, just because it’s on the internet, it’s not true,” He continued, “I can’t answer whether that’s true or not,” adding he has a “commitment to make sound science, economic science, connected together.”

[McClatchy](#) (1/19, Daugherty) reports Perry “promised to fight proposed cuts” to the agency, “breaking with ideas proposed by President-elect Donald Trump’s transition team.” Hawaii Democratic Sen. Mazie Hirono asked Perry, “How can we pursue an all-of-the-above strategy if so much of the department’s ... capabilities are eliminated? Do you support those cuts?” Perry responded, “Maybe they’ll have the same experience I had and forget that they said that.” His comment was in reference to “his infamous 2011 debate performance in which he forgot to name the Energy Department as one of three Cabinet-level agencies he wanted to eliminate.”

[The Hill](#) (1/19, Henry) reports the rumored cuts were “harshly criticized” by Democratic senators on Thursday. Sen. Angus King said to Perry, “This is absolutely nuts in terms of the future of energy in this country. ... You’re going to have to really do some hard pushing back on this because, assuming this is true, I find it’s almost self-parody to be cutting energy research at this moment in time.” Democrats urged “Perry to push Trump away from those cuts.” Perry “tried to dampen Democrat’s concerns” adding, “I have a rather interesting background of defending budgets. ... My point is I know what the Department of Energy should be good at.”

On its website [ABC News](#) (1/19) says Perry “deflected” the question on budget cuts, while the [Washington Examiner](#) (1/19) says he “downplayed the reports” about the budget cuts. [Vox](#) (1/19, Plumer) also provides coverage.

Moniz Says He Isn’t Worried About Perry Taking Over DOE. [Vice](#) (1/19) reports Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz is not “worried about Rick Perry, Trump’s nominee to run the Department of Energy” even though he “once said he’d like to get rid of the DOE.” During a recent interview, Moniz told Vice News “he’s confident Perry will understand how important the department is once he takes office.” Moniz stated, “We have 17 national laboratories, the vast majority of which host large scientific facilities that no individual university or company for that matter could sustain.” Moniz added, “I am convinced the more one learns about it, the more one understands the really critical impact it’s having in national security, in energy, in science.”

Perry To Franken: “I Hope You’re As Much Fun On That Dais As You Were On Your Couch.” [Roll Call](#) (1/19, McKinless) reported that “in a lighter moment,” Perry “said to Sen. Al Franken ‘I hope you’re as fun on that dais as you were on your couch.’” After the crowd “erupted with laughter,” the nominee added, “May I rephrase that?” The [Washington Times](#) (1/19, Wolfgang) notes Franken retorted, “Please, please. Oh my lord.” The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (1/19, Chazin) reports Perry went on to add, “Well I think we found our Saturday Night Live soundbite.” [The Hill](#) (1/19, Henry) reports “Franken went on to ask Perry for his opinion on climate change, noting Perry’s past skepticism of the science behind it.”

ClimateWire: Perry Has Backed Technology That Combats Climate Change. [ClimateWire](#) (1/19) reports that while Perry was Texas governor, he “was open to all kinds of energy development, including carbon capture, utilization and storage.” Analysts contend “it’s a technology that makes sense if one believes carbon dioxide is a problem.” ClimateWire notes DOE “invests in clean energy technologies, ranging from renewables to CCUS to nuclear power. Where to place the agency’s bets, however, has been a contentious debate among lawmakers, activists and the energy industry.” Michael Webber, deputy director of the Energy Institute at the University of Texas, Austin, said, “Each president will put their fingerprints [on DOE] in R&D. ... I think climate change and emissions were the philosophic underpinning of the Obama Department of Energy. ... It’s hard to know what [Perry] will push.”

Rubio Endorses Perry For DOE Post. The “Buzz Florida Politics” blog of the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (1/19) reports Sen. Marco Rubio has announced his “support for Rick Perry as energy secretary, saying he has ‘the experience and leadership the agency needs.’” Rubio stated, “I am confident he will work diligently to support our military’s nuclear reactors, maintain and modernize our nuclear stockpiles, fortify our power grids, and implement a true ‘all of the above’ energy policy that encourages job creation and innovation and protects our environment. I look forward to working with Rick in this new role, and I’m proud to support his nomination.”

NYTimes: Moniz Exhibiting Greater Readiness To Learn Than Other Cabinet Nominees. In an editorial the [New York Times](#) (1/19) writes that in preparation for the position, Perry has “spoken several times with Ernest Moniz, the current energy secretary and a respected nuclear scientist, and also with others who have held the job. That shows a greater readiness to learn from his predecessor than other cabinet nominees have displayed.” However, the Times says, “the learning curve is steep.”

Cornyn: America Will Benefit From DOE Secretary Perry. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas writes in a piece for [Roll Call](#) (1/19, Cornyn) reports “many don’t know” is that the “energy dominance” of Texas “isn’t confined to oil and gas alone — in recent years, Texas has become a leader in renewables, thanks in large part to former Gov. Rick Perry.” And while governor, “Perry managed a state with a budget and bureaucracy larger than the Energy Department. His sensible

approach to regulation kept unnecessary red-tape out of the way, allowing job creators and innovators the room to thrive.” Cornyn concludes that the “principles” that guided of Perry’s tenure as governor “— smart regulation, encouraging innovation, and growing every aspect of energy production — continue to benefit Texans now. As Energy secretary, I have no doubt he will build on them to the benefit of the American people.”

More Commentary. Marilu Hastings, vice president of the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, where she heads up “the foundation’s land, water and clean energy programs,” writes for [U.S. News & World Report](#) (1/19, Hastings) that “whether or not he was directly responsible for influencing Texas’s ramp up, the U.S. could do far worse than to look to Perry and the Texas story for a smart roadmap to achieving a sustainable clean energy economy.”

Taite McDonald, senior policy advisor at Holland & Knight, writes on the “Pundits Blog” of [The Hill](#) (1/19, McDonald) that “Perry has the energy policy experience and the proven track record to lead the DOE into the 21st Century with clean energy development.” He “will create a more energy independent America and that is who we need as the secretary of energy.”

[Bloomberg View](#) (1/19) reports Perry’s confirmation hearing is “a case study in why, rhetoric and nominations aside, President-elect Donald Trump can’t bring transformative change to the agencies and departments that make up almost all the executive branch: The gravitational pull of the bureaucracy is just too strong.” Because all of Trump’s cabinet nominees “understand that their relevance and power depend not on dismantling the bodies they run, but on enhancing their power.”

Jennifer Rubin, writing for the “Right Turn” blog of the [Washington Post](#) (1/19, Rubin) that “one need only contrast former Texas gov. Rick Perry’s and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley’s confirmation hearings with those of Steven Mnuchin and Rex W. Tillerson to understand why nominating business people with no government experience runs a high risk of embarrassment, if not disaster.” Rubin says “Perry and Haley charmed their inquisitors” and “were more direct, relaxed and personable than non-politician nominees.”

Members Of Trump Transition Team Profited From FOIA Suits Against The EPA.

[Greenwire](#) (1/19, Bogardus) reports that an “E&E News review of court records and EPA data” found that two members of President-elect Trump’s transition team have worked on cases challenging the agency that have garnered “nearly \$45,000 in attorneys’ fees and other litigation costs from EPA between fiscal 2013 and 2016.” The fees were won by “suing EPA under the Freedom of Information Act for failing to provide documents in response to their requests,” which E&E notes is completely legal “and a common tactic by environmental and watchdog groups frustrated by EPA’s sometimes slow response to their FOIA requests.”

Trump Team Preparing Dramatic Federal Government Spending Cuts.

[The Hill](#) (1/19, Bolton) reports that Trump transition team members been meeting with career White House staff ahead of Friday’s presidential inauguration “to outline their plans for shrinking the federal bureaucracy.” Overall, the blueprint would reduce federal spending by \$10.5 trillion over 10 years. “The departments of Commerce and Energy would see major reductions in funding, with programs under their jurisdiction either being eliminated or transferred to other agencies. The departments of Transportation, Justice and State would see significant cuts and program eliminations,” and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting would be privatized, while the national endowment for the arts and humanities would be eliminated. Many of the specific cuts were outlined in the 2017 Republican Study Committee budget plan representing the majority of House Republicans. Transition team members and former Heritage Foundation scholars Russ Vought and

John Gray are laying the groundwork for the so-called skinny budget that will be released within Trump's first 45 days. "At the Department of Energy, it would roll back funding for nuclear physics and advanced scientific computing research to 2008 levels, eliminate the Office of Electricity, eliminate the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and scrap the Office of Fossil Energy, which focuses on technologies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions." The [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (1/20) editorializes that the possible cuts pose a risk to ORNL and its work.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/19, Lee, Puzzanghera) reports that Trump isn't expected to abolish the EPA or fold it into DOE, "nor can Trump unilaterally cancel or renegotiate the Paris Agreement." The Trump administration will likely "ease rules and standards to enhance coal-powered energy and help coal-mining workers," and the EPA's Clean Power Plan is a "prime target."

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Attorneys Question Process Used By EPA To Require Property Chemical Information.

[Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/20, Rizzuto) reports, "Companies that submit proprietary chemical information to the Environmental Protection Agency must justify upfront the reasons the information cannot be publicly released, the agency said in a notice to be published Jan. 19." Attorneys contacted Bloomberg BNA on January 18 to voice concern that "the process the agency used—issuing a notice rather than a direct final or proposed rule—denied the public the opportunity to weigh in on the agency's legal interpretation."

WATER

Reuters Investigation Leads To Local Officials, Health Experts Nationwide Working To Limit Lead Poisoning.

[Reuters](#) (1/19, Schneyer, Pell) reports "local leaders, health officials," and researchers of various backgrounds are promoting measures nationwide to curb the amount of lead found in their drinking water following an investigation by Reuters; some of these cities and towns had more lead in their water than Flint, Michigan, which continues to struggle with a water crisis following the discovery of its tainted water system. According to Reuters, their investigation "used census tract and zip code-level data from millions of childhood blood tests to identify nearly 3,000 US communities with recently recorded lead poisoning rates at least double those in Flint. More than 1,100 of these neighborhoods had a rate of elevated blood tests at least four times higher than in Flint."

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OFF THE WIRES

US Airstrike Kills 100 Al Qaeda Members In Syria.

A US Defense official says an airstrike conducted by an Air Force B-52 bomber supported by an unspecified number of unmanned aerial vehicles killed over 100 core al Qaeda militants present at a northwest Syrian training camp. The official specified that the strike targeted members of the core al Qaeda group, not members of the Syria affiliate known as Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, formerly Nusra Front.

IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AROUND TOWN

Trump Calls For Putting “America First” In Inaugural Address.

President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence today were sworn into office in Washington today. In his inaugural address, President Trump revisited the themes of his campaign, promising to put America first in economic and world affairs. In his remarks, Trump said, “Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans and people of the world, thank you. We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people.

“Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for many, many years to come. We will face challenges, we will confront hardships, but we will get the job done.

“Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent. Thank you.

“Today’s ceremony, however, has very special meaning because today, we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another or from one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington, DC and giving it back to you, the people.

“For too long, a small group in our nation’s capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished, but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered, but the jobs left and the factories closed. The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country. Their victories have not been your victories. Their triumphs have not been your triumphs. And while they celebrated in our nation’s capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.

“That all changes starting right here and right now because this moment is your moment, it belongs to you. It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America. This is your day. This is your celebration. And this, the United States of America, is your country.

“What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people. January 20th 2017, will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this nation again. The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer. Everyone is listening to you now.

“You came by the tens of millions to become part of a historic movement the likes of which the world has never seen before. At the center of this movement is a crucial conviction: that a nation exists to serve its citizens. Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves. These are the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public.

“But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities; rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation; an education system, flush with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of knowledge; and the crime and gangs and drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential.

“This American carnage stops right here and stops right now. We are one nation – and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams; and their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny.

“The oath of office I take today is an oath of allegiance to all Americans. For many decades, we’ve enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry; subsidized the armies of other countries while allowing for the very sad depletion of our military; we’ve defended other

nations' borders while refusing to defend our own; and spent trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay.

"We've made other countries rich while the wealth, strength, and confidence of our country has disappeared over the horizon. One by one, the factories shuttered and left our shores, with not even a thought about the millions upon millions of American workers left behind. The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed across the entire world.

"But that is the past. And now we are looking only to the future. We assembled here today are issuing a new decree to be heard in every city, in every foreign capital, and in every hall of power.

"From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land. From this moment on, it's going to be America First.

"Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families. We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength.

"I will fight for you with every breath in my body – and I will never, ever let you down. America will start winning again, winning like never before. We will bring back our jobs. We will bring back our borders. We will bring back our wealth. And we will bring back our dreams.

"We will build new roads, and highways, and bridges, and airports, and tunnels, and railways all across our wonderful nation. We will get our people off of welfare and back to work – rebuilding our country with American hands and American labor. We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and Hire American.

"We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world – but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first. We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow.

"We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones – and unite the civilized world against Radical Islamic Terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth. At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other.

"When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice. The Bible tells us, 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.' We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.

"When America is united, America is totally unstoppable. There should be no fear – we are protected, and we will always be protected. We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God.

"Finally, we must think big and dream even bigger. In America, we understand that a nation is only living as long as it is striving. We will no longer accept politicians who are all talk and no action – constantly complaining but never doing anything about it.

"The time for empty talk is over. Now arrives the hour of action.

"Do not let anyone tell you it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America. We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again.

"We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries and technologies of tomorrow.

"A new national pride will stir our souls, lift our sights, and heal our divisions. It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget: that whether we are black or brown or

white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.

"And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator.

"So to all Americans, in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, and from ocean to ocean, hear these words: You will never be ignored again.

"Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams, will define our American destiny. And your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way.

"Together, We Will Make America Strong Again.

"We Will Make America Wealthy Again.

"We Will Make America Proud Again.

"We Will Make America Safe Again.

"And, Yes, Together, We Will Make America Great Again. Thank you, God Bless You, And God Bless America."

Schumer Calls For Shared Sacrifice To Guarantee Liberty In Inaugural Remarks.

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer delivered brief remarks before the swearing in of the President and Vice President. In his remarks, Schumer invoked Americans' sacrifices in the Civil War for the cause of liberty as an example for today. Schumer said, "My fellow Americans, we live in a challenging and tumultuous time, a quickly evolving, ever more interconnected world, a rapidly changing economy that benefits too few, while leaving too many behind, a fractured media, a politics frequently consumed by rancor.

"We face threats foreign and domestic. In such times, faith in our government, our institutions and even our country can erode. Despite these challenges, I stand here today confident in this great country for one reason: you, the American people.

"We Americans have always been a forward-looking, problem-solving, optimistic, patriotic and decent people. Whatever our race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, whether we are immigrant or native-born, whether we live with disabilities or do not, in wealth or in poverty, we are all exceptional in our commonly held, yet fierce devotion to our country, and in our willingness to sacrifice our time, energy, and even our lives to making it a more perfect union.

"Today, we celebrate one of democracy's core attributes, the peaceful transfer of power. And every day, we stand up for core democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution – the rule of law, equal protection for all under law, the freedom of speech, press, religion – the things that make America, America.

"And we can gain strength from reading our history and listening to the voices of average Americans. They always save us in times of strife. One such American was Major Sullivan Ballou. On July 14th, 1861, when the north and south were lining up for their first battle, a time when our country was bitterly divided and faith in the future of our country was at a nadir, Major Ballou of the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers penned a letter to his wife, Sarah.

"It is one of the greatest letters in American history. It shows the strength and courage of the average American. Allow me to read some of his words, which echo through the ages.

"My very dear Sarah," he wrote. "The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days – perhaps tomorrow. If it is necessary that I should fall on the battlefield for my country, I am ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in, the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter.

"I know how strongly American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing – perfectly willing – to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt.

"Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me to you with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battlefield.'

"Sullivan Ballou was killed a week later at the first battle of Bull Run. It is because Sullivan Ballou and countless others believed in something bigger than themselves and were willing to sacrifice for it that we stand here today in the full blessings of liberty, in the greatest country on earth.

"And because that spirit lives on in each of us – Americans whose families have been here for generations and those who have just arrived – I know that our best days are yet to come. I urge all Americans to read Ballou's full letter. His words give me solace and strength, and I hope they will give you some too.

"Now, please stand while the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas, administers the oath of office to the Vice President of the United States."

Obama Tweets Farewell.

President Obama this morning delivered a goodbye to the American people via Twitter. Obama said, "It's been the honor of my life to serve you. You made me a better leader and a better man. ... I won't stop; I'll be right there with you as a citizen, inspired by your voices of truth and justice, good humor, and love. ... As we look forward, I want our first steps to reflect what matters most to you. Share your thoughts with me at <http://Obama.org> I'm still asking you to believe – not in my ability to bring about change, but in yours. I believe in change because I believe in you."

Obama Says He Feels Nostalgic. The President also briefly engaged the White House pool reporter this morning, saying "of course" he felt nostalgic. Asked if he had any last words for the American people, he said, "Thank you." The pool notes that Obama left some papers on the desk in the Oval Office before departing for the colonnade, followed by Vice President Joe Biden, Jill Biden, and several aides.

White House Staff Give Obama Flags From First, Final Days. The Obama White House says White House residence staff today presented President and First Lady Obama with a pair of flags that flew over the White House. The first flew on Obama's first day as President, and the second, flown this morning, the last day of his Presidency.

Spicer Says Trump Won't Try To Shut Down Russia Election Interference Probe.

Asked on NBC News "Today Show" about the New York Times report that the FBI and other intelligence agencies are investigating intercepted communications for links between Trump aides and Russia, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer said President-elect Trump would "absolutely" let the investigation go where it would, adding, "He's not gonna shut anything down. The intelligence community – I mean you've seen Senate committees – the Intelligent Committee launched an investigation. It's their prerogative to do that. Congress is free to investigate anything that they choose to do. But the President's gonna make sure that he gets the best information from the intelligence community, the other Department of Justice and...to make the best decision possible. But we're not looking to shut anything down. We want to know the facts."

Conway Says Trump Will Sign "Significant" Executive Orders On Monday.

On ABC News "Good Morning America," today, presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway said President-elect Trump will move quickly to sign executive orders to change national policy. Conway said, "Well, those will be significant, George. Particularly on Monday, the first full day of work on January 23rd. But even before that, I feel like Washington will have a shock to its system with President Trump. You'll know almost immediately that there's a new sheriff in town. ... He plans on maybe upending some of the unconstitutional and job killing regulations that have been put into place. He's made very clear that his priorities are to repeal and replace Obamacare and also to bring some regulatory relief and tax reform. Even George W. Bush, who faced a Democratically-controlled Senate, was able to push through tax reform the first few months of his presidency. We're hoping to get the same collaboration and same cooperation from across the aisle so that hardworking Americans and middle-class American families can really benefit in – in his plan."

On CBS News "This Morning," Conway said, "It'll be a shock to the system that is Washington, D.C. where their glacial pace has never seen a businessman in New York come through with – with I think the – the pen of the executive orders. But also, he's somebody who has said what he wants to do. I think you've got a five or six point plan, in short order. Repealing and replacing Obamacare, regulatory release, tax reform, even George W. Bush was able to pass tax reform through the Democratically-controlled Senate within the first few months. So we're looking for a cooperation across the aisles to do the same."

Spicer Says Trump Will Be Engaged With Policymaking.

Asked on NBC News "Today Show" if President-elect Trump would be engaged in policy or if he would be distracted by monitoring his media coverage, incoming White House press secretary Sean Spicer said, "Well, I think you can walk and chew gum at the same time." He added, "He has an unbelievable appetite for information, news, policy, so it's not a one or the other. He's up to all hours of the night, first thing in the morning. He's dedicated to focusing, you know, to focusing...on moving this country forward. But he spends a lot of time making sure that he understands what's going on policy wise, national security wise. He gets updates of all kinds from the staff. He brings in a lot of experts to make sure that's guiding his decision making process."

Johnson Named "Designated Survivor" For Inauguration.

The White House today said Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson is the Cabinet member who has been named the "designated survivor" in the event of a catastrophic event at the Inaugural events in Washington today.

"El Chapo" Faces Indictment In Federal Court In Brooklyn.

Acting Attorney General Sally Q. Yates announced today that "El Chapo," the Mexican drug lord Joaquin Archivaldo Guzman Loera, will be arraigned on a 17-count indictment in US Federal Court in Brooklyn today. The Justice Department alleged Guzman Loera was "operating a continuing criminal enterprise and other drug-related crimes through his leadership of the Mexican organized crime syndicate known as the Sinaloa Cartel," according to a department release. Guzman Loera was extradited to the US from Mexico last night.

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EPA Legacy Messages and Accomplishments

Overarching themes:

- At its core, **EPA is a public health agency**. By addressing legacy pollution as well as tomorrow's complex challenges, EPA has delivered on the fundamental protections that so many Americans depend on. **A strong and engaged EPA means our citizens are healthier, our communities are safer, and our planet is cleaner.**
- EPA embraces the American ideal of E Pluribus Unum – out of many come one – because **pollution and health risks do not discriminate.**
- Millions have informed our climate rules, with the **vast majority simply wanting the EPA to protect them and their children's future** by following the science and the law.
- Mothers of every color, leaders of every faith, Hispanic and African American voices, businesses big and small - are all **making the risks of inaction clear and calling attention to the opportunities** in front of us to boost our economy, protect the environment, and create an entire new sector of jobs. And the **EPA has listened.**
- There may be a lot of anxiety these days, but I am **very hopeful for the future for a few reasons:**
 - **Energized the American people** who will demand not only clean air and water, they will demand a stable planet.
 - Created the kind of resonance that has **motivated a generation of young people.**
 - **Pushed the nation and the world towards a low carbon future** that is now not going back.
 - **TSCA** passing with huge bi-partisan support.

Mission of the Agency is Timeless:

- The EPA's mission is to protect public health – to safeguard the precious natural resources we need to survive and thrive. **This task is timeless. It is non-partisan.** It is essential to every single life.
- We as Americans **cannot pursue liberty or happiness without clean air to breathe or clean water to drink.**
- The American people do not to deal with the rancor that too often characterizes our politics. But they care about **clean air**. They care about **safe drinking water and fishable, swimmable rivers and streams**. They care about **safe places to live, work, and play**. They care about **food that's free of harmful pesticides, products free of harmful toxics**, and their neighborhoods and kid's future **free from the dangers of climate change.**

- If we do not do everything we can to protect public health and the environment – if we betray the people who put us here and stubbornly deny the science and change around us – **we will fall victim to our own paralysis.**

Inevitability of a Clean Energy Future:

- **The train** to a global, clean energy future has **already left the station.**
- We can **choose to get on board, and to lead**, or we can **choose to be left behind**, to stand stubbornly still.
- Thanks in large part to **EPA actions here at home** built on strong scientific and legal foundations, **EPA was able to help spur the world into acting on the historic Paris Agreement.**
- EPA will **continue to be essential to cutting carbon pollution in the United States** and making good on our global leadership:
 - **GHG standards** for cars and trucks that will slash carbon pollution while saving people money at the pump.
 - Took historic action to set sensible carbon pollution limits at our power plants through the **Clean Power Plan.**
 - Set **methane standards for landfills and new oil and gas production units**, and are gathering data to set standards on existing ones.
 - Helped to broker two historic international agreements to **lower carbon emissions from aircraft.**
 - Led the U.S. delegation that successfully **amended an international agreement to reduce hydrofluorocarbons** – a highly potent greenhouse gas. Nearly 200 nations came together and committed to cut the production and consumption of HFCs by 80 to 85 percent over the next 30 years.
- Look at the **energy sector now:**
 - In 2014 alone, **clean energy investment increased by 14 percent** – more than **5 times greater growth** than the rest of the U.S. economy.
 - **U.S. power plant CO2 emissions in 2015 were about 24 percent below 2005 levels**, already well on the way to the CPP's 2030 targets.
 - **2015 emissions were about the same as the CPP first year goal in 2022**, a full SEVEN years ahead of schedule.

- **24 states had lower emissions** in 2015 than their 2022 annual goal – including states like OH, NC, PA, and SD.
- Energy Information Agency estimates that almost **70% of new utility-scale generating capacity expected to come online in 2016 will be zero-emitting** - mostly solar and wind.

Progress of EPA:

- Over the past eight years under President Obama's leadership, **we've taken tremendous strides forward in economic growth while at the same time cutting pollution** and protecting public health.
 - **Reduced mercury emissions from power plants** and protected more people from harmful levels of **ozone and particulate matter** in our air.
 - **Lowered sulfur content** in fuels and pollution from cars.
 - Made states accountable for harmful levels of **air pollution they send downwind**.
 - **Required fence-line monitors** around refineries and made progress cleaning up our ports.
 - **Clarified the jurisdictional boundaries** of the Clean Water Act.
 - **Reduced toxic effluent** from power plants.
 - Set new standards for management of **coal ash**.
 - Provided **farmworkers the same level of protections** other workers enjoy.
 - Made great progress in **restoring iconic waterbodies** like the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes.
 - Made sure that **standards are met with enforcement** that puts people first:
 - **Deepwater Horizon** spill settlements that provided \$20 billion to restore and protect the gulf
 - **Volkswagen** settlement that ensures \$14 billion to compensate consumers, reduce pollution, and build infrastructure for zero-emitting vehicles.
 - **Leveraged the power of information** to broaden and empower our environmental enterprise.
 - Programs like **Energy Star, Water Sense, and Safer Choice** which empower consumers to grow demand and markets for greener products through their purchases.

- EPA Apps like **“How’s my Waterway”**, **“Air Now”**, and **“School IQ Assessment”** and tools like the adaptation resource center and the green infrastructure wizard.
- Transparent and readily accessible information and new monitoring technologies like **Village Green Bench**.
- **Deepened our focus on the vulnerable communities** that have been left behind:
 - Work with tribes to **recognize tribal treaty rights**.
 - **“Make a visible difference”**
 - **E.J. 2020** plan or place-based efforts where we collaborate with federal partners to support communities in their effort to become more sustainable like Local Food, Local Places.

Climate Talkers

- With respect to doing our part on climate change, let me be clear: **this train has left the station.**
- Here at home, **the United States is demonstrating that it is rapidly transforming to a clean energy economy.**
 - In the electricity sector – our largest emitter of carbon dioxide – **wind generation has tripled and solar generation has increased 30-fold.** In large part, this is the result of market-based changes. **Emissions are being driven down largely due to market-based forces** that are here to stay and that is a trend that will continue.
- Furthermore, **the private sector agrees that the transition to clean energy provides vast economic growth potential** and the transition to clean energy is inevitable.
 - **The clean energy industry in the U.S. now employs 2.5 million people, and in 2014 alone clean energy investment increased by 14% - more than 5 times greater growth than the rest of the U.S. economy.** U.S. businesses and investors are seeing this potential, and are leading this global transition.
 - This is in part the case because, after Paris, **President Obama worked with Congress to pass the long-term extension of tax credits for renewable energy** that will provide a critical market signal for renewables for the next several years.
- I would also note that while the private sector, states, and local communities believe in taking action on climate change – **the American people soundly support it.** Poll after poll shows us that a vast majority of Americans – folks from both sides of the political spectrum – support us taking action to combat climate change.
- The world is already unanimous in its understanding that climate change is real, and that it requires immediate action. **Look no further than nearly every nation on earth joining the Paris Climate Agreement.**
 - Currently, **more than 100 countries representing more than 73% of global emissions have joined the agreement.** In addition, it is the historical practice of the United States to honor and implement international agreements once they have entered into force – particularly those that are as broadly endorsed and enduring as the Paris Agreement.
- In conclusion, **it is very clear the transition to a clean energy economy is already well underway,** and the whole world is moving in this direction. **Americans will not want to be left behind** – in fact they will want to be in the lead, creating new markets and benefiting from our unparalleled ability to lead the world in developing new technologies. **And any president who walks away from this trend would be doing a disservice to the entire country – and the entire world.**

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THE GUARDIAN INTERVIEW WITH OLIVER MILMAN

DATE: January 17, 2017
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I. Purpose

YOU will do a phone interview with Oliver Milman, environmental reporter for The Guardian. The Guardian is running a full day of climate coverage on Thursday. **YOU** will speak with Oliver about the achievements of the EPA on climate under **YOUR** leadership and the Obama Administration. He is also interested in what ordinary citizens can do over the next few years.

II. Participants

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- Oliver Milman, The Guardian

III. Agenda

- 11:15am-11:30am Phone interview with Oliver Milman, The Guardian

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Oliver Milman is the environment reporter for The Guardian.

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- a. Key legacy messages
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